

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



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**SUBJECT: Transfer of one (1) Decommissioned 2006 Ford Expedition K-9 SUV to Florida Keys SPCA**

## **Action statement:**

This resolution authorizes City staff to proceed with the transfer of one (1) decommissioned 2006 Ford Expedition K-9 SUV to Florida Keys SPCA, pursuant to City of Key West Code of Ordinances, Subdivision II, Authority of Purchasing Agent, Section 2-771-(3)(c), *The City Manager shall have the authority to sell, trade or otherwise dispose of surplus and obsolete personal property belonging to the City either by sale, barter or exchange or by sealed bid, public auction, cannibalization, trade-in or any other means of disposal as may be appropriate and in the best interests of the city. Disposal of surplus or obsolete personal property with acquisition prices in excess of \$20,000.00 per item shall be made only after approval by the City Commission.*

## **Strategic Plan/Business Plan:**

The City Commission approved the purchase of two (2) new police K-9 SUV's for the 2010/2011 Fiscal Year. The vehicles have now entered into service and two existing K-9 vehicles will be decommissioned shortly. These K-9 vehicles have specialized equipment that is specifically suited for dog/animal transport and the Florida Keys SPCA has expressed interest in the use of one of these vehicles.

## **Background:**

The City of Key West Fleet Policy recommends a five (5) year replacement cycle on KWPD patrol class vehicles. Due to the nature of K-9 operations, these vehicles are subjected to long idle times and extended periods of stationary operation which causes accelerated deterioration on the mechanical components, particularly the engine and fuel system.

### **Purpose and Justification:**

While these K-9 vehicles are still safe to operate, they have reached their useful lifecycle for KWPD patrol operations. The vehicle warranties have expired and the cost for maintenance has been increasing significantly. These K-9 vehicles could potentially provide continued service to another organization with reduced operational demands.

### **Options:**

- 1) The City Commission could approve the transfer of one (1) 2006 Ford Expedition K-9 SUV to the Florida Keys ASPCA. This option would allow for the disposal of a deteriorating asset, freeing maintenance resources, while providing a local organization with a valued tool for local community services.
  
- 2) The Commission could decline to approve the transfer of one (1) 2006 Ford Expedition K-9 SUV to the Florida Keys ASPCA. This option would result in the vehicle's continued deterioration, and further allocation of maintenance resources to its upkeep.

### **Financial Impact:**

The current value of a non-commercial version of the vehicle is listed at \$12,945.00. This value does not take into account commercial / police use and the specialized nature of the vehicle. We would expect that the actual value would be lower than this figure. The transfer of the vehicle would result in a positive impact to animal control / support operations within the community. It would also remove the budgetary burden on the Fleet Maintenance Department with escalating costs to keep the vehicles in working condition.

### **Recommendation:**

Staff recommends that the City Commission approve the transfer of one (1) 2006 Ford Expedition K-9 SUV to the Florida Keys ASPCA. This would allow for the disposal of a deteriorating asset, freeing maintenance resources, while providing a local organization with a valued tool for local community services.