



REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

BOARD MEETING DATE: Tuesday, September 12, 2023

REVIEWALS:

Chief S. Dodge: Completed

City Administrator: Completed

SUBJECT: Police Department Vehicle Purchase

LIST OF ATTACHED REFERENCE DOCUMENTS:

Purchase Request Memo to Chief Dodge

Dealer Specs and Pricing Memo

Ed Roehr Lighting Quote

Ad-Graphix Graphics Quote

EVS Installation Quote

FISCAL IMPACT: Approximately \$232,000

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

Up until 2023 the ordering period for Ford police vehicles typically opened in September of the year preceding the actual model year and then extended at least through March or April of the following year. This allowed our PD to get accurate pricing for budget purposes for the following year and place the actual order for them (and any associated equipment, installation, etc.) right after the first of the year when the budget for that year had been approved.

Without warning or notice that all changed beginning with the 2023 models. The order period did open in September of 2022 but was closed within 2 weeks of opening. The police department was then faced with not being able to replace high mileage vehicles in 2023 (until 2 were located at an out of state dealer). At this time the order period opening date, duration and cost of vehicles for 2024 is not known. Based on what happened in 2022-2023 we anticipate that the same thing will occur. As such we are requesting the approval of funds as detailed in the Resolution so we will be fully prepared to order everything whenever the period opens. Those numbers are based on:

Vehicles: Cost of the 2023's + 5% increase. Given that in the past we have not received new vehicles until late spring or early summer of the model year, we will need to replace 3 marked and 1 unmarked vehicle with high mileage.

Light Bars/Siren: Using the current quote from Ed Roehr for equipment being ordered for the 2023 vehicles.

Graphics: Based on the quote received also for the 2023 units.

Installation: Same as above but extending that for the four (4) vehicles being ordered.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the recommended pre-approval of these requests for 2024 to maintain the Police Department vehicle fleet in light of the unprecedented change in Ford ordering procedures and price increases.

MEETING HISTORY:

None