

STAFF REPORT

DATE: January 2, 2024

TO: Governing Body

FROM: Chief Darrell Atteberry

RE: Police Vehicle Purchase



BACKGROUND:

AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION: The City of Bel Aire Police Department seeks approval for the purchase of two Dodge Durango Police vehicles.

The police department is budgeted through the Equipment Replacement Fund to purchase patrol vehicles.

In 2022, the police department ordered two Ford Explorers in anticipation of an extraordinary wait time for delivery. Because of the year-long wait for delivery, the order was cancelled. The vehicle upfitter used by the Bel Aire Police Department, TCS, was able to acquire two 2023 Dodge Durango Police vehicles which were delivered quickly.

BACKGROUND HISTORY: The City of Bel Aire Police Department maintains a fleet of seven patrol vehicles. All are fully-marked patrol vehicles equipped with audio/visual recording devices, radios, emergency lighting, prisoner transport systems, weapons and additional small items for traffic control and working cases in the field.

As the vehicles gain mileage, the cost to maintain the vehicles increases. In an effort to balance out the mileage of the vehicles, the police department efforts to move the vehicles around on the shifts. This helps balance out the mileage according to the age of the vehicles.

As vehicles near the end of their police patrol life cycle, which around 80,000 miles, they require more maintenance. It is a challenge to keep the vehicles in operation even with regular maintenance when the vehicles go beyond 80,000 miles. The police department has vehicles that need to be removed from the fleet as their mileage is beyond 80,000 miles.

There is no concern about abuse of the equipment. Police patrol vehicles are often used around the clock, on city streets, country roads, and often off-road to accomplish the policing purpose. These are not family transport vehicles.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

2023 Dodge Durango Police	\$43,148 each
Equipment Install, Labor	\$14,400 each
Total	\$57,548 each

The purchase of the Dodge Durango Police vehicles will be through the Equipment Replacement Fund.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the purchase change from the Ford Explorer Police Utility vehicles to the Dodge Durango Police vehicles.