

Capitola City Council

Agenda Report



Meeting: August 25, 2022

From: Police Department

Subject: Consider the Purchase of New Mobile Computers for the Police Department

Recommended Action: Adopt the proposed resolution amending the Budget and authorizing the Police Department to use funding from the Supplement Law Enforcement State Funds (SLESF) and Information Technology Funds (totaling \$50,000) for the purchase of ten mobile computers from government contractor CDW Government LLC.

Background: In 2005, California Legislature passed the “State Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund” (SLESF) Bill. Funds from this grant are used exclusively for supporting front-line law enforcement and cannot be used to supplant existing funding. In addition, the City has an Information Technology Internal Service Fund (ISF) for the replacement of citywide hardware and software.

Discussion: To support our front-line law enforcement officers, the Police Department requests the purchase of ten Getac A140 computers for our patrol fleet. Each marked police vehicle is equipped with a county-wide Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system to communicate with our regional 911 dispatch center. To properly interface with the CAD system, the Police Department needs to upgrade the computers currently installed in our patrol vehicles. The current laptop computers were purchased in December 2017.

For the past several months, the Police Department has researched supply vendors and has tested the Getac A140 computer. Getac computers are reliable and are designed to maximize mobile performance and productivity. Police staff has configured two vehicles to test the recommended equipment and received positive response. The cost of purchasing and installing the Getac computers is approximately \$50,000. The Police Department requests splitting the purchase equally between the SLESF fund and the Information Technology ISF.

In following the guidelines in the City’s Administrative Policy 111-4, the Police Department asks to purchase the computers from our government contract vendor, CDW Government LLC. CDW is a leading multi-brand provider of technology solutions for the City; a trusted source that offers these computers at a discounted rate.

Fiscal Impact: The proposed budget amendment will have no impact on the General Fund. Sufficient funds are available in the SLESF fund and the Information Technology ISF which have estimated fund balances of \$118,500 and \$318,000, respectively.

Attachments:

1. Quote from CDW-G
2. Resolution and Budget Amendment

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