



AGENDA SECTION	CONSENT
MEETING DATE	JANUARY 11, 2021

CITY OF COLUMBIA HEIGHTS - COUNCIL LETTER

ITEM:	Authorization to Purchase Police Vehicles		
DEPARTMENT:	Police Department	CITY MANAGER'S APPROVAL:	
BY/DATE:	Lenny Austin/December 30, 2020	BY/DATE:	<i>Kell Bonges</i> 1/8/21
CITY STRATEGY:	#7: Strong Infrastructure/Public Services		
Additional Strategy?	#1; Safe Community		
SHORT TERM GOAL (IF APPLICABLE):	Choose an item.		
Additional Goal?	Choose an item.		

BACKGROUND:

As a part of the Police Department Capital Equipment replacement plan to maintain a safe and dependable vehicle fleet, the Police Department requests authorization to purchase two Ford Police Interceptor patrol vehicles. The purchase of two marked squad cars per year allows the department to keep the fleet in better working order, and aids in controlling costs on replacement parts. The advantages presented by the Utility include the added space for occupants and gear and increased maneuverability in poor weather conditions. The added room will be used to better store and carry police equipment and supplies to include entry tools, first aid equipment and tactical gear.

In addition, the police department requests authorization to purchase one unmarked vehicle in 2021. Two squad car SUV's and one unmarked SUV will be decommissioned and repurposed to public works. The total budgeted for squad cars and set-up in 2021 is \$151, 651.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Basis for Vendor</u>
2021 Ford Police Interceptor Utility (2)	\$74,313	Tenvoorde Ford	State of MN Contract (CPV)
2021 Chevy Traverse	\$27,190	Ranger GM	State of MN Contract (CPV)
Laptop Computers	\$6282	Baycom	Current/Past price comparison
Vehicle outfitting	\$35,942	Northern Safety Tech	Current/Past price comparison/service
Squad Graphics	\$1950	FTC Graphics	Established Vendor

In 2019, the police department selected a squad up-fitting vendor based on service reputation, references, and a price comparison.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

It is our recommendation to the Council that new marked patrol vehicles are purchased, with a total purchase price to be \$74,313 and a new unmarked vehicle be purchased with a total purchase price of \$27,190 from the vendors listed above. The Police Department is also requesting authorization to expend up to \$44,174 for outfitting and setting up these vehicles as outlined above.

RECOMMENDED MOTION(S):

MOTION: Move to authorize the purchase of two 2021 Ford Police Interceptor Utility vehicles from Tenvoorde Ford, and one unmarked Chevy Traverse from Ranger GM, under the State of Minnesota bid, with funding to come from 431.42100.5150, in the amount of \$101,503 and that the Mayor and City Manager are authorized to enter into a contract for same.

MOTION: Move to authorize the Police Chief to expend up to \$44,174 to set up and outfit these police vehicles as outlined above.

COUNCIL ACTION:

ATTACHMENTS: