



Agenda Item Report

Meeting Type: Committee of the Whole

Meeting Date: October 15, 2024

Item Title: Discuss and Consider Ordering a 2025 Police Squad Car

Submitted By: Dennis Weiner, Columbus Police Chief

Detailed Description of Subject Matter:

A new squad is currently part of the 2025 Capital Improvement Project in the 2025 budget.

In years past, squads could be ordered pretty liberally at any time. Since Covid, those dynamics have changed and are unstable. Last year the ordering window was arbitrarily closed and we were not able to order one. Fortunately, a department backed out of a squad that they ordered and had arrived at a dealership, we were able to buy it.

The current ordering window for Ford's is open and subject to close at any time. Typically, it is when they receive certain number of orders. There is a risk of the order window being closed even before this can officially be approved at the next meeting.

My preference is a Ford for several reasons. Comfort, interchangeability of equipment at retirement, and being able to have recall or warranty work done locally. The only other police rates vehicle is a Dodge Durango, which we would need to take to Beaver Dam or Madison for those services. We purchased a 2023 Chevrolet Tahoe last year, but that price jumped a month later \$12,000 and is not practical.

There currently is no state contract pricing available. The state has bid and re bid that process and has not awarded the contract. This price from Napleton Ford is a discounted price and believed to be in the parameters of that anticipated pricing.

The squad would arrive early 2025 and be paid for at that time.

List all Supporting Documentation Attached:

Quote from Napleton Ford, Columbus

Action Requested of Council:

Approve an order to be placed for a 2025 Ford Police Interceptor in the amount of \$45,389.50