



STAFF REPORT

March 6, 2024

File Number 0600-10; A-3496

SUBJECT

PURCHASE TWENTY-TWO (22) FORD PATROL UTILITY VEHICLES

DEPARTMENT

Police Department

RECOMMENDATION

Request the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2024-18 authorizing the Police Department to purchase up to \$1,270,000 of Ford Police Utility Vehicles from Peoria Ford PFVT Motors, LLC and to approve the disposal of the surplus vehicles via auction.

Staff Recommendation: Approval (Police Department: Edward Varso, Chief of Police)

Presenter: Edward Varso, Chief of Police

ESSENTIAL SERVICE – Yes, Police Services

COUNCIL PRIORITY – Improve Public Safety

FISCAL ANALYSIS

City Council previously approved the purchase of twenty five (25) replacement patrol vehicles from Downtown Ford Sales of Sacramento. Funding was authorized in the amount of \$1,107,211.13 on January 12, 2022 through Resolution No. 2022-15. Due to supply chain issues, Downtown Ford Sales of Sacramento was unable to fulfill the order, after two years of delays. Staff has located a new vendor that can immediately provide twenty two (22) patrol vehicles. The previous order from Downtown Ford Sales of Sacramento will be fulfilled by the end of 2024.

Total cost of the purchase will not exceed \$1,270,000. Sufficient funds were budgeted and are available in the Fleet Services Vehicle Replacement Fund, account no. 5208-653-715.

The funds generated by the auction sale of the patrol vehicles being replaced will be deposited into the Fleet Reserve Fund. The potential revenue generated by the disposal of the surplus property is unknown until the results of the auction are returned to the City of Escondido.



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BACKGROUND

The City needs to replace a total of forty-nine (49) police patrol vehicles. Council action is needed to approve the immediate purchase of twenty-two (22) vehicles.

The life expectancy of a patrol vehicle is eight (8) years. This purchase is necessary to immediately replace twenty-two (22) patrol vehicles that have been in service for more than ten (10) years. Vehicles older than eight (8) years are more expensive to operate, less reliable for the officers driving them, and harder for Fleet Staff to maintain.

Public Safety Operations

Operationally, shortages of available patrol vehicles are mostly based on the inability to replace aging vehicles due to the current delays in vehicle production over the last few years. The previous order of 25 patrol vehicles approved by Council in January of 2022, has yet to be produced by Ford. This two-year delay in production has increased the vehicle downtime, increased the number of vehicles that have surpassed their service life expectancy, and directly affects vehicle availability, efficacy, and officer safety. Repairs necessary to keep the current Patrol Fleet running has increased dramatically.

Supply Chain Issues Affecting Acquisition of Patrol Vehicles

Due to supply chain constraints in the automobile industry, the patrol vehicles will be ordered with non-hybrid powertrains. Ford is not offering pricing for the 2025 Hybrid Interceptor until late in 2024, and there is high probability the hybrid powertrain will not be offered at all in 2024 for the 2025-year model.

City Council Action

It is requested that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2024-18, approving the immediate purchase of twenty two (22) patrol vehicles that are available from Peoria Ford PFVT Motors, LLC. City Council approval will provide twenty-two (22) Ford Patrol Utility Vehicles to be promptly purchased from Peoria Ford PFVT Motors LLC. The proposed purchase includes: nineteen (19) POLICE INTERCEPTOR PG C17293, unit cost of \$52,480, two (2) POLICE RESPONDER PK F78446, unit cost of \$56,470, and one (1) POLICE INTERCEPTOR PG B98666, unit cost of \$52,860. Total cost will not exceed \$1,270,000.

Pursuant to the Escondido Municipal Code, Chapter 10, Article 7, Section 10-147, City property that is no longer required for public use and is declared as surplus property. The City's current practice of disposing of surplus vehicles and equipment is through public auction. Staff recommends the disposal of the vehicles being replaced by this purchase via public auction with the City-contracted auction company.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 2024-18