



Eustis Police Department

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Administrative Services Division

TO: EUSTIS CITY COMMISSION

FROM: TOM CARRINO, CITY MANAGER

DATE: October 3rd, 2024

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NUMBER 24-79: APPROVAL OF PURCHASE IN EXCESS OF \$50,000 FOR POLICE VEHICLES

Introduction:

Resolution Number 24-79 approves a purchase in excess of \$50,000 for the Police Department to purchase and equip five police vehicles in accordance with the approved Fiscal Year 2024/25 Capital Budget allocation of \$315,000.00.

Recommended Action:

The administration recommends approval of Resolution Number 24-79.

Background:

The approved FY 2024/25 Capital Budget includes an allocation of \$315,000.00 for the purchase of police vehicles to maintain a cost efficient, safe, and reliable fleet.

In order to determine the fleet replacement needs, the Police Department, with the assistance of the city's fleet maintenance staff, conducted a detailed evaluation and inspection of its fleet of police pursuit and non-police pursuit vehicles. The criteria used in determining the continued serviceability of each vehicle included the following:

- Function of the vehicle, i.e., police pursuit versus non-police pursuit (administrative)
- Age of the vehicle
- Life-to-date miles/hours
- Maintenance and repair history
- Overall condition and safety
- Projected repair costs versus the salvage value of the vehicle

The Department, by means of competitive bid contract pricing in accordance with City purchasing policies and procedures, shall purchase five Ford Explorer police Interceptor marked patrol vehicles.

The Ford Interceptor Utility vehicle is determined to be the best suited over-all choice for new vehicle marked patrol unit purchases for FY2024/25. The Ford Interceptor offers cost efficiency, competitive gas mileage, higher resale value, greater interior room, and a longer operational life span. In addition, the Ford Interceptor Utility positions the driver higher, offering greater visibility and increased crash safety features.

Budget/ Staff Impact:

The FY 2024/25 Capital Budget includes \$315,000.00 of Sales Tax Revenue for the purchase of police vehicles. This estimated purchase cost of \$315,000 will not exceed the budget allocation.

Reviewed By:

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