



# City of Eustis

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TO: EUSTIS CITY COMMISSION

FROM: TOM CARRINO, CITY MANAGER

DATE: November 2, 2023

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NUMBER 23-94: APPROVAL OF PURCHASE IN EXCESS OF \$50,000 FOR POLICE VEHICLES

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## **Introduction:**

Resolution Number 23-94 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 2023/24 Capital Budget allocation of \$315,000.00.

## **Recommended Action:**

The administration recommends approval of Resolution Number 23-94.

## **Background:**

The approved FY 2023/24 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 department conducted a detailed evaluation and inspection of its fleet of police pursuit and non-police pursuit vehicles, with the assistance of the city's fleet maintenance staff. 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 two Ford Explorer hybrid police responder marked patrol vehicles and one K-9 patrol vehicle for assignment to the patrol division and two unmarked administrative police vehicles.

Due to recent increases in commodities; we as a government agency have had to look at ways to be efficient. Vehicle production and work force have both struggled to regain a normal pace due to the setbacks of the COVID-19 Pandemic. Vehicles are selling at a premium price and the availability is extremely limited even to government entities. We have decided to purchase hybrid Patrol Explorers due to savings in fuel costs and resale values in the future. The Eustis Police Department has purchased Hybrid vehicles in the past and have credible fuel reduction costs.

The Ford Interceptor Utility vehicle is determined to be the best suited over-all choice for new vehicle marked patrol unit purchases for FY2023/24. 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 2023/24 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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