



Eustis Police Department

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TO: EUSTIS CITY COMMISSION

FROM: Tom Carrino, City Manager

DATE: January 4th, 2024

RE: Resolution Number 24-08: Police Motorcycles

Introduction:

Resolution Number 24-08 authorizes the Chief of Police to lease two (2) 2023 Harley-Davidson Electra Glide police motorcycles. The lease is for two (2) years and \$3,500 per motorcycle, per year. This is a total of \$14,000 over the length of the lease, at \$7,000 per year in accordance with the approved fiscal year 2023/24 budget. Having motorcycles will be a benefit to the Police Department's ability to conduct traffic enforcement in areas where a police vehicle is either incapable or is impractical. The motorcycles will be operated by specifically trained officers who must show proficiency in their operation and will meet all the necessary local and state requirements.

Recommended Action:

The administration recommends approval of Resolution Number 24-08.

Background:

The City of Eustis is growing, and with that has come a significant increase in traffic flow throughout the City. Although the majority of that traffic remains on the main roads, smaller roads such as Lakeshore Dr., Gables Dr., and others, have experienced an uptick in traffic volume. As more traffic enters these areas, the number of speeders, reckless drivers, etc., increase as well. These roads are narrow and have numerous curves, making it difficult for regular police vehicles to conduct traffic enforcement and coupled with additional speeding vehicles, the propensity for a serious accident(s) is higher.

Motorcycles are much smaller and do not need as much room to operate. They can be utilized in areas previously impossible to conduct traffic enforcement operations. Having the ability to move the traffic enforcement officers and equipment into the problem areas will undoubtedly make the citizens of Eustis safer.

Community Input:

There has been no specific community input associated with this resolution.

Budget/ Staff Impact:

The FY 2023/24 budget includes \$7,000 for the first year of the lease.

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