



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

AGENDA DATE: July 11, 2022

AGENDA ITEM: Consider allowing the Police Department to solicit bids from local car dealerships for a Chiefs administration vehicle. Also consider allowing the Building Safety Division to solicit bids for two Building Rental Inspector vehicles.

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BACKGROUND:

Per the police department's squad replacement schedule, we would like to replace a 2011 Dodge Journey (115,000 miles), which is currently used by the Chief as an administrative vehicle. We would like to solicit bids from local car dealerships to replace this vehicle. This vehicle does not have to be a police pursuit rated vehicle, so the vehicle can be purchased off the lot and then later be equipped with emergency lights, siren and a police radio.

This vehicle was scheduled to be replaced in 2023, but due to possibly higher than anticipated revenue by the city; we would like to move forward to replace the vehicle this year.

With the creation of the Rental/Fire Fighter positions, rental staff has been utilizing fire trucks and personal apparatus to perform rental inspections throughout the city. These vehicles are not ideal for conducting inspections in the City of Grand Rapids. This places undue wear and tear on fire apparatus and it is also not economical with the fuel costs to run these vehicles for inspections.

The Building Safety Division and Fire Department would also like to solicit bids from local car dealerships with the possibly higher than anticipated revenue by the city for two rental/fire fighter vehicles. These vehicles also do not need to be a pursuit rated vehicle, so these vehicles can be purchased off the lot and then later be equipped with emergency lights, siren and a fire radio.

REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION:

Make a motion authorizing the police department to solicit bids from local car dealerships to replace the Chiefs administration vehicle. Make a motion authorizing Building Safety Division / Grand Rapids Fire Department to solicit bids from local car dealerships for two vehicles