

# CITY OF RICHLAND CENTER - AGENDA ITEM DATA SHEET

**Agenda Item:** RCPD Vehicle Repairs

**Committee Review:** Finance Committee

**Meeting Date:** August 6, 2024

**Requested by:** Billy J. Jones, Chief of Police

**Presented by:** Administrator Oliphant or Finance Chair Ryan Cairns

**Background:** The RCPD is requesting to be allowed to use up to \$6,500 from unallocated contingency for repairs to two separate squads that were not budgeted for in 2024.

## Incident One

On 6-14-2024 officers were requested to assist in the jail with a out of control inmate, Officer parked squad 3 in the parking lot near the head of the ramp on the south side of the building. RCSO Sgt. arrived shortly after and parked his squad along the sidewalk between the building and the parking lot. Both officers were in the building when the RCPD squad slowly rolled back out of its parking spot and struck the RCSO squad in the rear passenger side door causing damage to both vehicles. It was later determined that the placement of a water bottle in the cup holder prevented the gear shift lever from fully engaging and the vehicle idled back after the officers were away from the vehicle. The damage to the RCPD squad consisted of a broken taillight and that was repaired by Chief Jones and ordered through Amazon.

## Incident Two

On 7-28-2024 Officers were dispatched to a bank alarm at WCCU and as the Officer backed out of the PD garage in emergency mode, he sideswiped the garage opening with the front passenger side of squad 1 causing damage to the passenger side fender, head light, mirror and bumper. No damage was reported or observed to the building. Squad is still drivable and in service.

	REPAIR ESTIMATES		
	<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>TO BE REPAIRED</u>	<u>COST TO REPAIR</u>
<u>Incident 1</u>	Wegner Auto	RCSO repair to Door	\$2,345.66
<u>Incident 2</u>	Larson Collison	2022 Ram Truck	\$3,002.54
	Wegner Auto	2022 Ram Truck	Awaiting Estimate

**Requested Action/Department Recommendation:** Rather than submitting an insurance claim which may increase premiums, requesting to use up to \$6,500 from unallocated contingency to pay for repairs to RCPD and RCSO squad cars.

**Financial Impact:** Up to \$6,500 from the unallocated contingency.

**Funding Source:** Unallocated contingency, account 10-59100-390.  
Unallocated Contingency available balance: \$108,985.86

**FINANCE:** Motion to recommend to the Common Council to approve using up to \$6,500 from unallocated contingency for squad repairs.

**COUNCIL:** Motion to approve using up to \$6,500 from unallocated contingency for squad repairs.