



Memorandum

October 14, 2021

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Josh Antoine
Chief of Police

Re: 2022 Squad Purchase

Mayor and City Council,

I have received the State Bids for the 2022 Police squad cars. Since 2012 the Police departments has purchased Dodge Chargers for our patrol squads. We have seen many changes with the Chargers over the years to include AWD options. Although these changes have been necessary and welcomed, one change that cannot be made with a Charger is the size of the vehicle.

Since we started purchasing Dodge Chargers in 2012 the demands on Law Enforcement have changed and the equipment has changed along with those demands. We have medical equipment such as oxygen bags and Defibrillator's that need to be in a climate-controlled environment. We also have added new equipment including riot gear, specialized body armor and ballistic shields to the squad cars. With all of this equipment our current Dodge Charger trunks are running out of room.

I have researched and found that the 2022 Dodge Durango Pursuit AWD SUV package would fit the needs of the Police Department moving forward. The purchase price for a 2022 Dodge Durango is \$31,249 in comparison to a purchase price of \$29,697 for a 2022 Dodge Charger.

Currently we re-use equipment off of the Dodge Chargers to upfit a patrol squad car which does save money on the build. Some of our current equipment on the Dodge Chargers is aging and needs to be replaced. With the purchase of a 2022 Dodge Durango we will need to purchase new equipment, but may still be able to use some old equipment. With the new equipment and some of the old equipment I have an approximate build price of \$42,500. This will be approximately \$2700.00 over what is budgeted for the squad car in the 2022 budget.

I am requesting authorization from the Mayor and City Council to order a 2022 black Dodge Durango Pursuit AWD. I have spoken with Administrator Buchholtz and we are anticipating that in 2022 our overtime expenditure will be much lower than 2021. Therefore, I am proposing that any amount over the 2022 squad budget be taken out of the 2022 overtime budget.

Thank you and if there are any questions please feel free to ask.