

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

TO: Kate Thunstrom, City Administrator

FROM: Todd Schwieger, Police Chief

SUBJECT: Bike Rodeo Donations

DATE: June 2, 2025

OVERVIEW:

The police department continues to focus on maintaining and enhancing its relationship with the public through community outreach. The department hosts several events throughout the year including the Bike Rodeo. The department has a small operating budget to fund its community outreach events although donations are occasionally received to supplement the department budget for the events. Recently, bicycle donations were received from two area businesses including Open Box Buys in St. Francis and Ramsey Bicycle. A total of six bicycles were donated, which will be raffled off as prizes during the Bike Rodeo event.

Donations have also been received from Kings County Market in the amount of \$250.00 and from Kwik Trip in the amount of \$300.00 to help fund the Bike Rodeo.

MN State Statute 471.198 authorizes any home rule charter or statutory city to solicit and spend money for any event or purpose that the governing body determines will foster a positive relationship between law enforcement and the community.

ACTION TO BE CONSIDERED:

Motion to accept the donation of six bicycles from St. Francis Open Box Buys and Ramsey Bicycle, County Market donation amount of \$250.00, and Kwik Trip donation amount of \$300.00.

BUDGET IMPLICATION:

The donations will supplement the police department budget in supporting the St. Francis Police Department Bike Rodeo.