

	Council Agenda Item
Meeting Date:	08/04/2026
Agenda Item:	Purchase of Training Vehicle
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BACKGROUND

(Enter the who, what when, where, why)

The police department is requesting approval to purchase a used civilian training vehicle to be used for staff attending training, meetings, court, and special events outside the city. This purchase would be in line with the fleet plan that was created with the Finance department in 2025 which allocates \$20,000 for that purpose. If approved, the vehicle would replace the current training vehicle (2015 Ford Taurus with approximately 100,000 miles), and we expect the vehicle to last 8-10 years.

Typically, when we request Council approval to purchase vehicles, we obtain multiple quotes on new vehicles and generally recommend the lowest cost option that fits the need. However, with the strategy of targeting a cost-effective used vehicle, obtaining apples-to-apples quotes is not easily accomplished. We also will be working with dealerships that are unlikely to be willing to hold a used vehicle for an extended period of time while we obtain Council approval for a purchase.

Due to those constraints, we are requesting Council pre-approval to purchase a cost-effective used sport utility vehicle with a cost not to exceed \$20,000.

PREVIOUS ACTIONS – COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

(Dates, committees, action taken)

N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT

(If none, state N/A)

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Recommended Motion: Move to pre-approve police department staff to purchase a cost-effective used sport utility vehicle to be used as a staff training vehicle with a cost not to exceed \$20,000.

ATTACHMENT(S) INCLUDED

(If none, state N/A)

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