



City Council Memorandum

City of Arts & Innovation

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: NOVEMBER 19, 2019

FROM: GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT WARDS: ALL

SUBJECT: MEASURE Z – PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF VARIOUS TYPES OF EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT ON FOUR (4) POLICE PURSUIT VEHICLES FROM INNOVATIVE EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT OF RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA IN ACCORDANCE WITH PURCHASING RESOLUTION 23256, SECTION 602(G) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$47,634.88

ISSUE:

Approve the purchase and installation of various types of emergency equipment on four (4) police pursuit vehicles from Innovative Emergency Equipment of Riverside, California, in accordance with Purchasing Resolution 23256, Section 602(g) in the amount of \$47,634.88.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That City Council approve the purchase and installation of various types of emergency equipment on four (4) police pursuit vehicles from Innovative Emergency Equipment in the amount of \$47,634.88.

BACKGROUND:

On October 21, 2014, the City Council awarded Bid No. 7283 to West Coast Lights and Sirens of Riverside, California for the purchase and installation of various types of emergency equipment (outfitting) on twenty (20) police interceptor SUV pursuit vehicles in the amount of \$220,477.80, \$11,023.89 per vehicle, and forty (40) unmarked Ford sedans in the amount of \$110,996, \$2,774.90 per vehicle, in the total amount of \$331,473.80.

On March 27, 2018, the City Council approved outfitting fifteen (15) additional police pursuit vehicles from West Coast Lights and Sirens in the amount of \$165,358.35, or \$11,023.89 per vehicle. West Coast Lights and Sirens held the same pricing, terms and conditions for this procurement in accordance with Purchasing Resolution 23256(g).

July 24, 2018, the City Council approved outfitting ten (10) additional police pursuit vehicles from Innovative Emergency Equipment for a total cost of \$106,173.50, or \$10,617.35 per vehicle resulting in a 3.69% lower cost per vehicle for outfitting services previously received from West Coast Lights and Sirens, including the same terms and conditions for this procurement in accordance with Purchasing Resolution 23256, Section 702(g).

On October 9, 2018, the City Council approved the purchase of twenty (20) new current year Ford Interceptor utility vehicles for the Riverside Police Department from Fritts Fords in the amount of \$653,446.60 based on a competitive bid from Riverside County in accordance with Purchasing Resolution 23256, Section 602(e) which states that competitive procurement through the informal and formal procurement process shall not be required when goods can be obtained through Federal, State and/or other public entity pricing contracts or price agreements.

On February 26, 2019, the City Council approved the purchase of ten (10) new full size 2019 Chevrolet Tahoe vehicles for the Riverside Police Department from Folsom Chevrolet, Inc. of Folsom, California, in the amount of \$394,549.13 in accordance with Purchasing Resolution 23256, Section 602(g) that competitive procurement through the informal and formal procurement process shall not be required when goods can be procured from a bidder who offers the same or better price, terms and conditions as the bidder previously offered as the lowest responsive bidder under competitive procurement provided that, in the opinion of the Purchasing Manager, it is in the best interests of the City to do so.

Multiple mechanical failures and accidents over a short period of time have resulted in the loss of a number of Riverside Police Department (RPD) pursuit vehicles. On September 5, 2019, an emergency purchase order, PO No. 202737, was approved for the installation of emergency equipment for four (4) vehicles from Innovative Emergency Equipment in the amount of \$44,681.92 or \$11,170.48 per vehicle.

DISCUSSION:

The General Services Department originally planned to purchase and install various types of emergency equipment (outfitting) on all thirty (30) new RPD vehicles based on a contract renewal by the County of Riverside (County) to Innovative Emergency Equipment (contractor) in accordance with Purchasing Resolution 23256, Section 602(g). However, on three occasions, the County contract renewal with Innovative Emergency Equipment has been deferred, unfortunately resulting in a delay getting this contract “piggyback” to City Council for approval of this work.

RPD continues to be critically low on available pursuit vehicles, resulting in RPD Police Officers not having a sufficient number of vehicles to use, particularly during shift changes. The lack of pursuit vehicles has had a direct impact on public safety and is currently effecting RPD operations. General Services is requesting a purchasing exception for four (4) additional new units to be outfitted in the amount of \$47,364.88, \$11,908.72 per vehicle, as a stopgap measure. As soon as the County approves the renewal of the contractor agreement, General Services will request approval for the remaining twenty-two (22) new RPD pursuit units in accordance with Purchasing Resolution No. 23256, Section 602(g) which states, “When Goods can be procured from a bidder who offers the same or better price, terms and conditions as the bidder previously offered as the lowest responsive bidder under competitive procurement provided that, in the opinion of the Manager, it is in the best interests of the City to do so.” In an effort to maintain the highest level of public safety and keep police officers in vehicles, the General Services Department recommends approval of this request to facilitate vehicle outfitting until the County contract is renewed.

The Purchasing Manager concurs that the recommendation is in compliance with the current Purchasing Resolution 23256 and the Interim Chief of Police concurs with the recommendation above.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total fiscal impact of the action is \$47,634.88. Sufficient funds are available in the fiscal year 2019-20 Measure Z Vehicle Replacement Account No. 8001201-450057.

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Approved by: Moises Lopez, Deputy City Manager
Approved as to form: Gary G. Geuss, City Attorney

Attachments:

1. Council Report dated October 21, 2014
2. Council Report dated March 27, 2018
3. Council Report dated October 9, 2018
4. Council Report dated February 26, 2019