

FINANCE COMMITTEE AGENDA

January 12, 2015 @ 5:15 pm

1. Bids/Purchasing

- a. Request to Waive Bid Process – Police Vehicles



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TO: Finance Committee

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RE: Request to Purchase Patrol Cars

DT: January 8, 2015

The police department is seeking permission to purchase four new police vehicles to continue the replacement of an aging and high mileage group of patrol cars. We recently received notification of an opportunity to purchase new patrol cars at a significantly reduced cost (\$18,999). A dealership in MA had a number of new hold over 2013 Chevrolet Caprice police package sedans, which are police service ready, have full manufacture warranty and have received favorable performance and fuel economy ratings from several police agencies which, in part, include the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office and the Michigan State Police – Police Vehicle Evaluation Units.

The police department and Fleet Maintenance Director have researched these vehicles and believe that they in fact would be a suitable replacement for some of our patrol cars and will certainly meet our needs. The vehicles that would be replaced are Ford Crown Victoria models, which cost on average .20/.24 cents per mile to operate compared to an expected cost on average of .09/.12 cents per mile to operate the new model vehicles.

The cost of these police cars has been significantly reduced by the manufacture simply because they are model year 2013 vehicles. The savings is over \$8,000 per vehicle when compared to current year pricing. There will be one-time additional costs to outfit the patrol cars, with lights/sirens, paint, cages, radio changeover, etc.

If permission to purchase these vehicles is granted the police department plans to replace three daily use patrol cars, two with over 100,000 miles and one with just under 100,000 miles and assign one to the police department detachment at Bangor International Airport, a requirement of the Transportation Security Administration's Explosive Canine Program.

Staff's request is to purchase 4 2013 police cars at a price of \$18,999/each. If approved by the Committee, staff will prepare an appropriation resolve to fund the cost of the 3 patrol cars plus the cost to outfit them for first reading at the next Council meeting. The cost to purchase and outfit the vehicle for the explosive canine program is available within the current grant appropriation. The recommended funding source for the daily patrol vehicles will be the City's Unassigned Fund Balance account. Funding of one-time capital costs is an allowable use of the Unassigned Fund Balance. Further, the Police Department received approximately \$100k of revenues in excess of estimates, which added to the City's unassigned fund balance, which as of the end of the fiscal year, is in excess of the Council established target of 8.33%.