

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

Public Safety Item

Meeting Date: March 12, 2020

Staff Contact: Greg O'Halloran, Chief of Police

Agenda Item: Authorize the the purchase a new Ford Explorer Interceptor and related electronics and emergency equipment

Description:

Dependable vehicles that can respond in all weather conditions are critical to the delivery of police services. In the 2020 budget process the council approved the purchase of a Ford Explorer Interceptor and the necessary law enforcement equipment to outfit that vehicle. It takes up to 12 weeks to get vehicle manufactured from the time it is ordered.

Impact Items:

- This is the last of the Crown Vic aging fleet to be replaced.
- The 2011 Crown Vic will go to Public Works, and Crown Vic currently being used by Public Works will replace the Crown Vic vehicle being used for building and codes inspections.
- The all-wheel drive Ford Explorer vehicles have proven effective for the department
- It's imperative to be able to respond to calls for service in a timely manner no matter what the weather.
- It will have comparable or better performance and fuel economy to the vehicle it's replacing.
- Offer more room for the officers/prisoners and reduce risk management issues by being less of a physical strain on their bodies.
- Offer better resale value at the end of life cycle
- Purchase price will be compatible with statewide government contract to ensure best price.

Base vehicle cost: \$34,000, **Law enforcement equipment:** \$ 12,000, **Total estimate:** \$46,000

Staff Recommendation:

Authorize the Authorize expenditure of funds needed to purchase new Ford Explorer Interceptor and related electronics and emergency equipment, and authorize the Mayor to sign any contracts or paperwork associated with this transaction.