



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, March 25, 2025
TO: CITY COUNCIL
WRITTEN BY: POLICE CAPTAIN RADICH
RECOMMENDED BY: POLICE CHIEF ZAMORA
APPROVED BY: TAMARA VIDES, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF THREE (3) NEW PATROL VEHICLES FROM WATSONVILLE FORD; AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$175,500.00.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager or her designee to purchase three (3) new patrol vehicles from Watsonville Ford, in the amount of \$175,500.00, from the General Fund – Patrol Vehicle Replacement account #150-901-7805.

BACKGROUND:

The Police Department has an aging fleet, about half of which has exceeded its anticipated service life. New patrol vehicles have been a challenge to acquire due to the high demand for them nationwide, and low availability.

DISCUSSION:

The three (3) new patrol vehicles would replace three current patrol vehicles which each have an excess of 125,000 miles on them. Watsonville Ford has three (3) new Ford Police Interceptor SUVs that are ready for immediate delivery. Watsonville Ford is a Sourcewell vendor for Ford Police Vehicles (Contract #095121-NAF).

The Police Department recommends the purchase of three (3) new patrol vehicles, as they will be more reliable and assist with reducing the costs of repairs to (3) three existing high-mileage patrol vehicles.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) DETERMINATION:

Not applicable.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

Public Safety

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The purchase of these patrol vehicles is budgeted within the FY24/25 General Fund – Patrol Vehicle Replacement (Account #150-901-7805).

ALTERNATIVE ACTION:

The City Council may choose to deny this purchase at this time; however, such action could result in an increase in repair costs to the three (3) current patrol vehicles that would be replaced by this recommended purchase.

ATTACHMENTS AND/OR REFERENCES (IF ANY):

None.