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# Staff Report

## City of Manhattan Beach

**TO:** Honorable Mayor Montgomery and Members of the City Council

**THROUGH:** Geoff Dolan, City Manager

**FROM:** Bruce Moe, Finance Director  
Gwen Eng, General Services Manager

**DATE:** January 27, 2009

**SUBJECT:** Consideration of the Purchase of Two Budgeted Replacement Parking and Animal Control Vehicles for the Police Department from South Bay Ford (\$43,809.94)

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the City Council award bid #762-09 to South Bay Ford in the amount of \$43,809.94 for the purchase of two replacement Police vehicles.

**FISCAL IMPLICATION:**

Funds totaling \$55,020 are budgeted in the FY 2008-2009 Fleet Management Fund, and are sufficient for the purchase, and equipping of these vehicles with the customary equipment (lightbars, cages, racks, etc.) and graphics.

**DISCUSSION:**

During the FY 2008-2009 Budget process, Council authorized the routine replacement of two Parking and Animal Control vehicles. These vehicles need to be replaced periodically to provide the Police Department and community with reliable response vehicles. The new vehicles (2009 Ford Rangers) will replace units #329 and #330, which have 84,330 and 94,000 miles accumulated respectively. Both vehicles have been experiencing numerous problems, and due to their age, condition and pending replacement, are not economical to repair.

Where possible and practical, we have specified “green” vehicles in keeping with our efforts to be more environmentally-friendly. Staff looked for alternate fuel options for these vehicles but options are limited. For example, CNG (compressed natural gas) is not practical because the CNG fuel tank occupies ½ of the available bed space. This lessens the truck’s equipment capacity, making this option impractical. Additionally, there are no hybrid options available for this type and size of vehicle. While there are no reasonable alternative fuel vehicles for this purpose, staff will continue to evaluate our options for future purchases.

*Bid Recaps*

Eleven bid responses were received. The comparison below shows the aggregate price, including sales tax, discounts, and other fees.

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Trucks (2)</u>
1. South Bay Ford	\$43,809.94
2. Theodore Robins Ford	\$43,937.99
3. Villa Fleet	\$44,430.30
4. Fairview Ford	\$44,599.18
5. Tuttle-Click Ford	\$44,734.29
6. Wondries Fleet	\$45,040.84
7. Burch Ford	\$45,130.12
8. Raceway Ford	\$45,259.51
9. Power Ford Torrance	\$45,265.94
10. North County Ford	\$45,377.24
11. Wondries Fleet	\$45,881.73

Based on these bids, staff recommends awarding to the lowest bidder, South Bay Ford, for the purchase of two trucks , in the amount of \$43,809.94. If this purchase is approved, the existing units will be retired and sent to auction. The new vehicles will arrive in approximately 90-120 days.

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