



Staff Report

City of Manhattan Beach

TO: Honorable Mayor Montgomery and Members of the City Council

THROUGH: Richard Thompson, Interim City Manager

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

DATE: November 16, 2010

SUBJECT: Consideration of the Purchase of One Budgeted Replacement Police Vehicle from Inland Chevrolet (\$29,480.85)

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council award bid #820-11 to Inland Chevrolet in the amount of \$29,480.85 for the budgeted purchase of one replacement Police vehicle.

FISCAL IMPLICATION:

Funds totaling \$45,800 are budgeted in the FY 2010-2011 Fleet Management Fund for the purchase and equipping of this vehicle. The total cost to purchase and outfit this vehicle with the necessary safety equipment will be within the budgeted amount.

DISCUSSION:

During the FY 2010-2011 Budget process, Council authorized the replacement of one Police vehicle. This vehicle will replace unit #397 (2004 Ford Expedition) which was involved in an accident, resulting in major damage to the vehicle, and is considered a total loss.

The replacement vehicle for the Watch Commander is a sport utility vehicle (SUV). This is required primarily to house the necessary materials and equipment for tactical command post and field supervision work. Our experience with incident call-outs indicates the need for a more practical "office environment." This is particularly helpful when responding to minor incidents or incidents that have not yet escalated to the point of requiring the department's Mobile Command Post trailer. These include lost children or senior citizens, traffic accidents, and response to crime incidents.

The police package Chevrolet Tahoe is pursuit rated, built specifically for law enforcement use. It has a lower center of gravity, enhanced suspension and braking which will enable it to perform safely while in pursuit mode and allow for quick maneuvering. In addition, it has heavy duty cooling and electrical systems.

We have specified “green” vehicles in keeping with our efforts to be more environmentally-conscious. The police package Tahoe is a flex fuel vehicle which allows it to run on gasoline or E85 ethanol (not readily available in this area). The hybrid (electric/gasoline) version is not available with a police package. While there are no reasonable alternative fuel vehicles for this purpose, staff will continue to evaluate our options for future purchases.

In the past, the City has obtained better pricing than that offered on larger agencies’ existing contracts by bidding independently. However, the bid package is also sent to those vendors that have won larger agencies’ contracts in case their contract price is lower.

Bid Recaps

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

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Cost</u>
1. Inland Chevrolet	\$29,480.85
2. George Chevrolet	\$29,582.74
3. Martin Chevrolet	\$31,130.48
4. Clippinger Chevrolet	\$35,007.05

Based on these bids, staff recommends awarding to the lowest bidder, Inland Chevrolet, for the purchase of a Chevrolet Tahoe, in the amount of \$29,480.85.