





Staff Report

City of Manhattan Beach

TO: Honorable Mayor Tell and Members of the City Council

THROUGH:  David N. Carmany, City Manager

FROM: Bruce Moe, Finance Director 
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DATE: March 6, 2012

SUBJECT: Purchase of Three Chevrolet Tahoe Replacement Vehicles for the Police Department from Wondries Fleet Group in the Amount of \$92,969.44

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council award Bid #860-12 to Wondries Fleet Group in the amount of \$92,969.44 for the budgeted replacement of three Police vehicles.

FISCAL IMPLICATION:

Funds totaling \$150,616 are budgeted in the fiscal year (FY) 2011-12 Fleet Management Fund for the purchase and equipping of these vehicles. The remaining budgeted Fleet Management funds will be used to outfit these vehicles with the necessary safety equipment and is expected to be within the budgeted amount.

DISCUSSION:

The FY 2011-2012 budget includes the replacement of 62 vehicles in the City's fleet. The list, which was subsequently reduced by six (to 56 vehicles) through identification of efficiencies, includes a wide variety of vehicles that need to be replaced in order to maintain service levels, reduce repair costs and provide for cost-effective fleet operations. The list represents several "catch-up" years when the fleet was not actively replaced due to budget constraints. Where possible and practical, alternative fuel vehicles have been selected, with 15 such vehicles on the list replacing traditional fuel vehicles.

This purchase is for three Chevrolet Police Package Tahoes, one for administration and two for patrol. While the patrol vehicles are equipped for routine Police work, the administration vehicle is assigned to the on-duty Watch Commander and is required to house 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 Mobile Command Post. These include lost children or senior citizens, traffic accidents, and response to crime incidents.

This industry-standard law enforcement vehicle is available only as a gasoline powered vehicle. There are not practical alternative fuel vehicles that meet the need. However this is a flex fuel vehicle which allows it to run on gasoline or E85 ethanol (currently not readily available in this area). Staff will continue to evaluate our options for future purchases.

Bid Recaps

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

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Total Bid (Incl. Tax)</u>
1. Wondries Fleet Group	\$ 92,969.44
2. George Chevrolet	\$ 93,286.66
3. Clippinger Chevrolet	\$101,461.73

Based on these bids, staff recommends that the City Council award an order to the lowest bidder, Wondries Fleet Group, for the purchase of three Police package Chevrolet Tahoes, in the amount of \$92,969.44. If this purchase is approved, the existing units will be retired. The new vehicles will arrive in approximately 16 weeks.

In addition to these vehicles, the City will be purchasing three patrol cars included in this year's budget. Staff is in the process of soliciting bids for those vehicles and will seek Council approval once the bids are obtained.