



Memo

To: Honorable Mayor Armitage; City Council
From: Paul Brentar, Chief of Police
Date: 06-22-2022
Re: Staff report on Police Vehicle Purchases

Background

As you will recall during the budget discussions for FY 22-23, I requested that 2 of our vehicles be replaced. I have found that ordering vehicles (model year 2023) through our local dealer, or any other dealer, that meets our specifications is not feasible this year due to the chip shortage and the manufacturer is not taking any more orders. The portal for ordering was open less than 8 hours. I have found that the dealership with the State of Michigan bid does have 2 of these vehicles (model year 2022) already coming and not spoken for, that meets our specifications and is willing to hold them for us. The bid is from Berger Chevrolet in the amount of \$39,694 for each vehicle (model year 2022) with a total amount of \$79,388. These vehicles are built for police use, which is an absolute must, and have added features (better suspensions, brakes, etc.) as compared to civilian models. The pricing is far better than the civilian market as well. For example, our local dealer has a 2020 Tahoe (civilian version) with 62K miles on it listed for \$47,500 and a new 2022 Tahoe (civilian version) listed for \$61,992.

Recommendation

I am recommending that City Council approve this purchase immediately as I have serious concerns about finding vehicles elsewhere to purchase with the chip shortages, the lack of being able to order new vehicles, and Berger Chevrolet is willing to hold these vehicles for us. If this purchase is approved, it will still take months for the rest of the emergency equipment to be purchased, received, and installed, to be able to put these vehicles in to service.

Financial Impacts

These vehicles are budgeted in FY 22-23 in the police department's budget. Emergency equipment (lights, siren, cages, in-car camera, etc.) will still need to be purchased and installed and are budgeted for as well.

Suggested Motion

City Council approves the purchase of two (2) Chevrolet Police Tahoe's (model year 2022) in the amount of \$79,388 from Berger Chevrolet with funds available in Capital Outlay- Motor Vehicles, 101-300.000-863.000.