



**REGULAR MEETING**

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**TO:** Honorable Mayor & Members of the  
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

**FROM:** Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

**DATE:** August 18, 2015

**TITLE:** Motion to Approve Purchase of Marked Patrol Vehicles – Pembroke  
Motors, Inc. d/b/a AutoNation Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram Pembroke Pines  
- \$1,396,052

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission approve the purchase of 54 Dodge Charger rear wheel drive (RWD) police-rated sedan, marked patrol vehicles from Pembroke Motors, Inc. d/b/a AutoNation Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram Pembroke Pines in the amount of \$1,196,846 *via* Florida Sheriffs Association (FSA) Contract, 14-22-0904; and approve an additional \$199,206 as a proprietary purchase to equip the vehicles with ballistic steel door (BSD) panels.

**Background**

The proposed replacement vehicles will be used in the Fort Lauderdale Police Department, Patrol Division as marked police units. Fifteen of the existing marked units are scheduled for replacement during FY 15. Thirty-nine of the existing marked units were originally proposed for replacement during FY 16. However, these 39 vehicles have ballistic Kevlar door panels that now require replacement at a total cost of \$107,780. Accelerating the purchase of the 39 vehicles into FY 15 will preclude the expense of replacing the Kevlar door panels.

The City's Fleet Services division conducted a vehicle replacement analysis report for each vehicle proposed for replacement. The 54 Ford Crown Victorias recommended for replacement meet the criteria for replacement. The criteria used to determine when to replace a vehicle included the following:

- Age and mileage of vehicle
- Type of service for which the vehicle is used
- Reliability over time as the vehicle has aged
- Operating and maintenance costs

In lieu of Kevlar ballistic door panels, replacement vehicles will be equipped with BSD panels. While the Kevlar panels have an expected lifecycle of five years, the lifecycle of the BSD panels are not limited and will last beyond the expected lifespan of the vehicle. It is the City's past practice to require that marked patrol vehicles be equipped with this type of door panels for Police Officers' safety. This panel option is not included in the FSA contract but must be provided at time of manufacture. Staff is therefore requesting that this item be considered as a proprietary purchase. The price of this option is \$3,689 per vehicle, for a total of \$199,206.

Pursuant to Section 2-181(8), Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this purchase will be made from Pembroke Motors, Inc. d/b/a AutoNation Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram Pembroke Pines in the amount of \$1,396,052 via FSA Contract, 14-22-0904, which was entered into following a fair and competitive process that included public notice, sealed written or secured electronic bids, and public bid opening.

Pursuant to Section 2-189, Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, the City may purchase proprietary items, as defined in Section 2-173, without the necessity of public bids. As defined by the Code, a proprietary item is not readily available from more than one supplier, manufacturer or person and is unique in nature. Vehicles will be equipped with BSD panels. The BSD panels are proprietary because they are installed during the assembly process and are unique to Dodge. The requested awardee, Pembroke Motors, Inc. d/b/a/ AutoNation Chrysler Dodge, is the awarded bidder for the requested Dodge Charger rear wheel drive (RWD) police-rated sedan via the Florida Sheriffs Association Contract 14-22-0904.

**Resource Impact**

There will be a fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$1,396,052.

<i>Funds available as of July 13, 2015</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	OBJECT CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Object Code)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Object Code)	PURCHASE AMOUNT
583-PBS580101-6416	FLEET SERVICES	CAPITAL OUTLAY/VEHICLES	\$9,272,268	\$1,882,832	\$1,396,052
<b>PURCHASE TOTAL ►</b>					<b>\$1,396,052</b>

**Strategic Connections**

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included within Internal Support Cylinder of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- Goal 12: Be a leading government organization, managing our resources wisely and sustainably.
- Objective 3: Provide safe, efficient and well-maintained vehicles, equipment, and facilities and integrate sustainability into daily operations.

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We Are*

Community.

**Related CAM** #15-0976

**Attachments**

Exhibit 1 – Specifications

Exhibit 2 – Vehicle Replacement Analysis

Exhibit 3 – Vehicle Comparison Worksheet

Exhibit 4 – FSA Contract Information

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