SUBJECT: APPROVAL TO PURCHASE UNMARKED VEHICLE

SOURCE: Police Department

COMMENT: Currently, the Police Department's Special Investigations Unit has a 2003 vehicle assigned to it that was purchased in January 2005. Initially, the estimated date of replacement was January 2012. As always, a careful evaluation was made of this particular vehicle to determine actual need for replacement and it was determined at that time to postpone replacement. In light of budget uncertainties, this part of the Police Department's vehicle replacement process is even more critical to ensure that a vehicle is not replaced only because it was scheduled to be replaced.

Recently, the above-listed vehicle was again evaluated and it has been determined that it now needs to be replaced. The vehicle has been driven in excess of 150,000 miles, more than any other vehicle in either the Patrol or Investigations Division. Due to strong fiscal management and strategic contributions to our vehicle depreciation plan, the monies for this vehicle replacement have already been accumulated in the Equipment Replacement Fund. The Police Department is requesting authorization to replace the existing vehicle at a cost of not more than $40,000. It is the intention of the Porterville Police Department to purchase this vehicle under the following criteria:
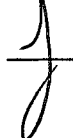
- Vehicle must be purchased from a local car lot;
- Vehicle must be less 2011 or newer;
- Vehicle must have less than 20,000 miles;
- Vehicle must pass inspection from City Shop.

Upon purchase of the vehicle, emergency equipment will be purchased and installed from the Police Department's current vendors for such equipment.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council:

1) Authorize Police Staff to identify and enter negotiations for the purchase of this vehicle under the criteria set forth above;
2) Authorize the purchase/installation of emergency equipment on this vehicle; and
3) Authorize payment upon satisfactory delivery of the vehicle/equipment.

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