

COUNCIL WORKSHOP ITEM

ITEM: Vehicle Purchase
DATE: February 6, 2001
PREPARED BY: Jerry Sprecher, Deputy Village Manager
PURPOSE: Authorize Purchase

DISCUSSION:

Various departments are in need of purchasing new vehicles. The recommendation herein is the first of at least two purchase requests within the next few weeks to buy vehicles from the current budget and the 01/02 Budget. There has been some delay in this request while the status of the agreement between the City of Chicago and the Gas Technology Institute finalize an agreement to construct compressed natural gas fueling facilities, including one at the Downers Grove Public Works site.

It is requested at this time that Council authorize the purchase of various vehicles for the Building Services, Code Services, Fire, Police, and Water Programs. All vehicles are conventionally fueled vehicles; all except the Police and Fire Crown Victorias are designated as low emission vehicles (LEV). It should also be noted that the Crown Victorias are requested to be purchased from the 2001/02 Budget. This request is due to a March 1 cut-off date for ordering these vehicles under the State's purchasing contract. Due to the timing of the State contract we have purchased squads in this manner for several years.

Council will recall that several months ago we looked at alternatives for purchasing vehicles, ranging from all CNG-fueled vehicles to a mix of both conventional and CNG vehicles. As of the date of this request, it is anticipated that the construction of a natural gas fueling facility is one or two months away. There are still approximately seven vehicles pending purchase in 2000/01, and it is our intent to forward as soon as possible a recommendation to purchase those vehicles as dedicated CNG units.

The immediate recommendation to buy several conventional vehicles, rather than wait to purchase additional CNG vehicles, considers the following:

1. Our commitment to alternative fuel vehicles is long-term. We should not reasonably expect that all new vehicles purchased should be CNG-powered.
2. The initial cost of CNG vehicles remains higher and vehicle offerings are more limited.
3. Until CNG fueling facilities are more readily available we need to ensure that we have vehicles which can be readily fueled. This is particularly important for vehicles that may be used for more than local travel.
4. We continue to meet or exceed Clean Air requirements with the requested purchase.

For the above reasons it is suggested that it is appropriate to move ahead with these conventional fuel vehicles. At the time that a request is forwarded to purchase CNG vehicles we will provide

further discussion of the comparison between the standard and CNG vehicles in terms of overall cost impact.

ATTACHMENT:

Cost summary.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is requested that Council authorize on the February 20th Consent Agenda the purchase of vehicles at the following net costs:

One (1) Chevrolet pick-up truck from Team Chevrolet: \$14,326.

Eight (8) Ford Taurus sedans from Terry's Ford: \$112,666.

Seven (7) Ford Crown Vic sedans from Terry's Ford: \$120,762.

The first eight vehicles are all purchased under the 2000/01 Budget and the total cost is \$14,734 under budget. The seven Crown Vic vehicles are to be purchased from the 2001/02 Budget, and their total cost is \$3,393 less than the proposed budget.

Vehicle	Department	Cost	Quantity	Total	Trade-in	Net Price	Budget	Over (-) Under	Vendor
Chevy S-10	Building Services	\$14,326	1	\$14,326	\$0	\$14,326	\$15,000	\$674	Team Chevrolet
Ford Taurus	Code Services	\$14,479	5	\$72,395	\$700	\$71,695	\$77,053	\$5,358	Terry's Ford
Ford Taurus	Fire Prevention	\$14,479	1	\$14,479	\$0	\$14,479	\$16,558	\$2,079	Terry's Ford
Ford Taurus	Police Investigations	\$15,013	1	\$15,013	\$3,000	\$12,013	\$17,661	\$5,648	Terry's Ford
Ford Taurus	Water	\$14,479	1	\$14,479	\$0	\$14,479	\$15,454	\$975	Terry's Ford
	Total					\$126,992	\$141,726	\$14,734	
Ford Crown Vic	Police Patrol	\$21,485	6	\$128,910	\$26,300	\$102,610	\$105,600	\$2,990	Terry's Ford
Ford Crown Vic	Fire Administration	\$20,852	1	\$20,852	\$2,700	\$18,152	\$18,555	\$403	Terry's Ford
Notes	1 Chevy S-10 is smallest truck in its class with LEV engine. Competing quote from Bill Kay = \$15,575.								
	2 Terry's Ford awarded Taurus contract from Suburban Purchasing Cooperative.								
	Competing bids: Madden (\$15,995/unit) Al Piemonte (\$15,477/unit) Willowbrook Ford (\$16,286/unit)								
	3 Total net price for Crown Vics: Terry's \$120,762 Anderson Ford (Suburban Coop) \$127,203								
	Landmark Ford (State Contract) \$122,061								