



## CC Regular Meeting

# AGENDA ITEM REPORT

**Meeting:** September 17, 2024  
**Title:** Purchase of Five Vehicles for the Police Department  
**Presented by:** David Povero, Chief of Police  
**Recommendation:** Approve the purchase of five (5) Dodge Durango and approve Resolution CC 2024-87 appropriating \$73,624.01 for vehicle purchase and retrofit for the K-9 program.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The police department is requesting the purchase of five (5) 2025 Dodge Durangos (SUVs) from Elk Grove Auto in Elk Grove CA, in the total amount of \$268,120.05 with taxes and fees included or \$53,624.01 each. Three vehicles will be for the traffic Division, one for the replacement of P16 in patrol which was totaled after a traffic collision and one for the canine program.

### DISCUSSION:

These new five vehicle will be assigned as follows.

- Three vehicles will be purchased under the California Highway Patrol's Cannabis Tax Fund Grant Program (CTFGP). The department was awarded \$427,120.68 earlier this year for use in traffic enforcement activities and the purchase of equipment and supplies.
- One vehicle will replace P16 which was involved in a traffic collision last year and was determined to be a total loss.
- One vehicle will be assigned to the Canine unit and will be equipped as such for this particular detail. Upon purchase of the vehicle the K-9 Foundation of Covina will reimburse the City of Covina for the full amount of the vehicle purchase at \$53,624.01 and up to \$20,000 retrofitting as a K-9 vehicle.

In order to evaluate the proposed purchase price for the vehicle, staff closely examined vehicle pricing, options and trim within Los Angeles and Orange Counties for SUV models traditionally used for patrol duties. In the last few years it has been nearly impossible to purchase police vehicles from Ford, Chevy and Dodge due to production delays and high demand for law enforcement vehicles. Covina is fortunate to have located these 2025 Dodges after a thorough search. After our review, we confirmed that the proposed purchase price is fair and roughly within 3% of market range.

Based on the reasonableness of these circumstances, it is requested that the City Council consider waiving competitive bid requirements per Municipal Code 2.20.080 Sections B. This section states that non-competitive proposals may be made only when at least one of the following circumstances applies: 1) The supply, service or equipment is available from only one source; 2) The public exigency or emergency for the supply, service or equipment will not permit a delay resulting from competitive solicitation; and 3) After solicitation of a number of sources, competition is determined inadequate. Sections B2 & B3 apply in this situation. Staff did attempt to solicit bids from multiple dealerships, but no vehicles were available. The Police Department urgently needs vehicles and cannot wait months for availability as it will negatively impact operations.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The funds of four of the vehicles have been budgeted for the FY 2024-25 budget. The fifth vehicle is non-budgeted and therefore the police department is requesting an additional \$53,624.01 for the purchase of the vehicle and \$20,000 for the retrofit for a total of \$73,624.01 to be paid from the unallocated general fund balance. This total amount will later be reimbursed by the K-9 Foundation of Covina as donation.

**CEQA (CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT):**

None

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Povero', written over a horizontal line.

David Povero  
Chief of Police