



Takoma Park City Council Meeting – June 21, 2023

Agenda Item 2C

Voting Session (Consent Agenda)

Single Reading Ordinance Authorizing the Purchase of Two Police Fleet Vehicles

Recommended Council Action

Approve the ordinance

Context with Key Issues

In accordance with the City's practice to replace vehicles pursuant to its vehicle replacement policy, the Police Department proposes the replacement of two gasoline powered fleet vehicles; a 2016 Chevy Silverado Pickup and a 2018 Ford Fusion. Funding for the purchase of a total of seven vehicles was included in the FY23 budget, in the amount of \$447,615. This proposal is for the purchase of two EVs, a 2023 Nissan Ariya Engage and a 2023 Chevrolet Bolt EUV, and to outfit the Nissan with emergency equipment and radio at a total cost of \$90,871.13. All purchases will be done on established rider contracts, as outlined in City Code under 7.08.070 Procurements exempt from competitive bidding.

Both vehicles being purchased are fully electric and are replacing gasoline vehicles. This is consistent with the City of Takoma Park's commitment to transitioning to a fully electric and energy efficient fleet. The vehicles being replaced (a Chevy Silverado Pickup, assigned to our Special Assignment Team (SAT), and a Ford Fusion, assigned to admin, but being utilized by Parking enforcement) meet the criteria for replacement per the current vehicle replacement policy. The recommended deadline of both vehicles was reviewed and approved by the vehicle replacement committee. In addition, the Ford Fusion needs a new transmission. The cost of replacing the transmission would exceed the overall value of the vehicle. The scoring system for each vehicle is attached to the council packet.

The Chevrolet Bolt EUV will be utilized by our parking enforcement section. We currently have two employees assigned to parking enforcement and only one vehicle assigned to the section. One of the employees assigned to the section is utilizing the aforementioned 2018 Ford Fusion, which is scheduled to be deadlined. The purchase of the Chevy Bolt would bring the allotment of vehicles assigned to the parking enforcement section to two. Each officer needs a vehicle to perform their duties as their work schedules overlap. Two vehicles are needed to adequately perform parking enforcement operations.

The Nissan Ariya will be utilized by our Special Assignment Team (SAT) in a covert capacity; for undercover work and surveillance. It is replacing a Chevy Silverado Pick up truck that is scheduled to be deadlined. There are currently three officers assigned to the Special Assignment Team (SAT); a sergeant and two officers. Each officer is assigned a vehicle. Two of the vehicles assigned to the unit are scheduled to be deadlined; one in FY23, the other in FY24. Both of these vehicles are frequently out of service for maintenance issues. This impacts the ability to conduct covert surveillance undercover operations in the City. The covert details have led to arrests for robbery, burglary, carjacking's, stolen vehicles, and thefts. At times the Police Department has had to utilize temporary vehicle rentals to be able to conduct important covert operations. The purchase of the new vehicle will provide the SAT team with a reliable vehicle for their operations.

The Chevrolet Bolt EUV is manufactured in the United States. The Nissan Ariya is manufactured in Japan.

These proposals were reviewed and approved by the Fleet Review Committee in accordance with the Vehicle Replacement/Addition/Transfer Policy and schedule. An overview of this review is attached

Council Priority

A Livable Community for All; Engaged, Responsive and Service-Oriented Government

Environmental Considerations

The proposed vehicles are fully electric, replacing conventional gasoline powered vehicles.

Fiscal Considerations

The price of the two EVs, to be purchased through Criswell Automotive Fleet Sales on a Baltimore County Contract, is \$77,028. The cost to outfit the Nissan with all emergency equipment through Frontline Mobile Tech on a Howard County Contract is \$5,792. The cost of the radio, to be purchased from Motorola Solutions on a Montgomery County Contract, is \$8,051.13. The total proposed purchase price for the fully equipped vehicles will be \$90,871.13

Racial Equity Considerations

This purchase will not disproportionately impact any particular group.

Attachments and Links

- Draft Single Reading Ordinance Authorizing the Purchase of Two Electric Vehicles for the Police Department

Introduced by:

Single Reading Ordinance

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-

AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE POLICE VEHICLES

WHEREAS, the Police Department plans to replace two police fleet vehicles in accordance with the City's vehicle replacement policy and the review by the Fleet Review Committee; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2023 budget has funds in the Equipment Replacement Reserve Account that will be used for the purchase; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department proposes to acquire two fully electric vehicles from Criswell Automotive Fleet Sales at a cost of \$77,028, and to outfit one of the vehicles through Frontline Mobile Tech at a cost of \$5,792. A radio will be purchased through Motorola Solutions at a cost of \$8,051.13. The total cost for the vehicles will be \$90,871.13; and

WHEREAS, the quoted vehicle pricing is based on a Baltimore County contract. The outfitting pricing is based on a Howard County contract, and the quoted price for the radios is based on a Montgomery County contract.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND THAT:

SECTION 1. The City Manager or their designee is authorized to enter into an agreement with Criswell Automotive Fleet Sales for the purchase of two vehicles, with Frontline Mobile Tech for the outfitting, and with Motorola Solutions for the purchase of a radio.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 23 by roll-call vote as follows:

AYE:

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: