



Takoma Park City Council Meeting – June 12, 2024

Agenda Item 3

Voting Session

Single Reading Ordinance Authorizing the Purchase of Three Unmarked Police Fleet Vehicles.

Recommended Council Action

Review and approve the ordinance authorizing the vehicle purchase.

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 three unmarked fleet vehicles; #313 a 2015 Toyota Siena van, #333 a 2018 Ford Fusion, and #334 a 2018 Ford Fusion. All three of the vehicles have either been deadlined or are recommended to be deadlined by the City's Fleet Review Committee. Two of the vehicles being replaced are Hybrid's (#333 and #334) and one (#313) is a conventional gasoline vehicle. This proposal is for the purchase of three Hybrid unmarked vehicles; two Toyota RAV4 Hybrids and one Honda CR-V Hybrid to replace the deadlined vehicles, and to outfit them with emergency equipment and radios.

All purchases will be done on established rider contracts, as outlined in City Code under 7.08.070 Procurements exempt from competitive bidding. These proposals were reviewed and approved by the Fleet Review Committee in accordance with the Vehicle Replacement/Addition/Transfer Policy and schedule. Funding for this purchase is included in the FY24 budget.

The three vehicles being purchased will be utilized by our Criminal Investigations Unit (CID); one by our criminal investigations detective team, and two by our Special Assignment Team (SAT) for plain cloths/covert operations.

Staff evaluated the possibility of purchasing electric vehicles; however, the City currently lacks sufficient charging infrastructure to support electric vehicle purchases for staff assigned to CID. Additionally, the electric vehicle that was purchased by the Police Department for evaluation and consideration for a larger EV conversion has not demonstrated that electric batteries are capable of holding a charge that would last an officer's full shift, while maintaining the necessary operations and the continued surveillance.

The Police Department will continue working with the vehicle replacement committee to develop an infrastructure plan to allow for the full conversion of all of the City's vehicle fleet to electric as vehicles are replaced.

Council Priority

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

Environmental Considerations

The proposed vehicles have hybrid engines. Two of the vehicles being replaced also have hybrid engines. The third vehicle being replaced has a conventional gasoline engine.

Fiscal Considerations

The price of the two Toyota RAV4 Hybrids, to be purchased through Hertrich Fleet Services on a Howard County Contract, is \$61,574. The cost of the Honda CR-V Hybrid, to be purchased from Criswell Automotive Fleet Sales on a Baltimore County Contract, is \$45,993. The cost to outfit the vehicles with all emergency equipment through Frontline Mobile Tech on a Howard County Contract is \$17,766. The cost of the radios, to be purchased from Motorola Solutions on a Montgomery County Contract, is \$20,127.81. The funding of the three vehicles will come from the Equipment Replacement Reserve (ERR). The three vehicles have come in under the allocated budget in the ERR. The total proposed purchase price for the fully-equipped vehicles will be \$145,460.81. \$219,000.00 was allocated from the ERR (\$73,000 per vehicle) to purchase the three vehicles. The \$73,539.19 in savings will remain in the ERR and can be used to offset increased potential costs as the City transitions to electric vehicles.

Racial Equity Considerations

This purchase will not disproportionately impact any particular group.

Attachments and Links

- Draft Single Reading Ordinance Authorizing the Purchase of Two Hybrid Vehicles from Hertrich Fleet Services, One Hybrid Vehicle from Criswell Automotive Fleet Sales, with outfitting for all vehicles by Frontline Mobile Tech and radios from Motorola Solutions.

Introduced by:

Single Reading Ordinance

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND
ORDINANCE NO. 2024-**

AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE POLICE VEHICLES

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

WHEREAS, the FY 2024 budget has funds in the Equipment Reserves-Expendable Account that will be used for the purchase; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department proposes to acquire two Toyota RAV4 Hybrid vehicles from Hertrich Fleet Services at a cost of \$61,574; and one Honda CR-V Hybrid vehicle from Criswell Automotive Fleet Sales at a cost of \$45,993. The vehicles will be outfitted by Frontline Mobile Tech at a cost of \$17,766. Radios will be purchased through Motorola Solutions at a cost of \$20,127.81. The total cost for the vehicles will be \$145,460.81; and

WHEREAS, the cost is under the budgeted amount of \$219,000; and

WHEREAS, funding for the vehicles will come from the Equipment Replacement Reserve; and

WHEREAS, the quoted vehicle pricing is based on a Howard County contract (Toyota RAV4) and a Baltimore County contract (Honda CR-V). 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 his designee is authorized to enter into agreements with Hertrich Fleet Services and Criswell Automotive Fleet Sales for the purchase of three 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 _____, 24 by roll-call vote as follows:

AYE:

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: