

## MEMORANDUM

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**DATE:** April 25, 2018

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Commission

**VIA:** Christopher Velasquez, Chief of Police;  
Kenneth Fields, City Manager

**FROM:** Lieutenant Griffin Crosby, Support Services Commander

**SUBJECT:** Traffic Enforcement Vehicle Purchases

**SYNOPSIS:** *Staff is requesting Commission approval to purchase one (1) unmarked Ford Police Interceptor and one (1) Harley Davidson police motorcycle utilizing existing Police Service Impact Fees.*

### RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Commission take the following action(s):

1. Approve the purchase of one (1) fully equipped 2017 Ford Police Interceptor vehicle from Bartow Ford and one (1) fully equipped 2018 Harley Davidson FLHTP police motorcycle from Bruce Rossmeyer Harley Davison based upon the Florida Sheriff's Association Fleet Competitive Bid Pricing.
2. Authorize a budget amendment in the amount of \$83,265.30

### BACKGROUND

As the result of increased business and residential growth within the city, vehicular congestion, traffic complaints and crashes have steadily increased throughout our jurisdiction. During calendar year 2017, the City experienced a marked increase in the number of vehicle crashes totaling five hundred and ninety-five (595), which resulted in two (2) fatalities. During the first three (3) months of 2018, one hundred and fifty-six (156) crashes occurred, with four (4) of them resulting in fatalities. This growth placed such a demand on staffing that the department increased personnel last year to expand services and address these issues at a greater level and intensity than the Patrol Division can on a daily basis.

In an effort to reduce traffic crashes, increase the safety of the motoring public, continue building positive relationships throughout the community and increase public awareness, the police department proposes to expand its services to traffic enforcement and purchase an unmarked police vehicle and motorcycle. Both vehicles will be specially equipped to perform enforcement and educational initiatives throughout the city. The unmarked vehicle will allow the traffic enforcement officer to blend in with other vehicles and identify violations that are more difficult to observe and enforce using a standard marked patrol car. This vehicle will also be capable of supporting the Investigations Division when an unmarked vehicle is required to avoid detection. The department will use the police motorcycle primarily to enforce traffic violations; however, it will serve many additional purposes that enhance the department's mission. Police motorcycles are capable of accessing areas with heavy vehicular and pedestrian congestion, providing a deterrent effect on both traffic violations and general crime, providing escorts during parades or funerals and complimenting traffic education and public relations initiatives

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### **OTHER OPTIONS**

The City Commission may choose not to purchase these vehicles or only purchase one or the other.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The Police Department proposes to use Police Services Impact Fees to purchase these vehicles. The fully equipped unmarked traffic enforcement vehicle cost is \$44,496.00 and the cost for the fully equipped police motorcycle is \$38,769.30. This includes specialized protective gear, uniforms and equipment necessary to perform traffic enforcement.

Maintenance costs

### **ATTACHMENTS**

N/A