

SUBJECT: An agreement with Stommel Inc., dba LEHR Auto Electric for the outfitting of patrol vehicles

DEPARTMENT: Police Department

STAFF: Timothy M Herbert, Chief of Police
Michael Thompson, Police Lieutenant

TITLE/RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a resolution approving and authorizing the City Manager or designee to execute an agreement and necessary documents with Stommel Inc., dba LEHR Auto Electric in the amount of \$300,000 over a two year term; not to exceed \$150,000 FY 24/25 and not to exceed \$150,000 FY 25/26 for the outfitting of police vehicles.

FISCAL IMPACT

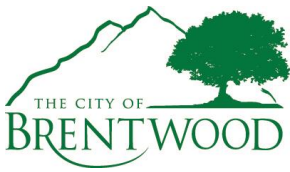
Consistent with approved budgets, if the agreement is approved, the total cost of the contract would be \$300,000 over FY 2024/25 and FY 2025/26. The contract cost would be expended from the Vehicle and Equipment Replacement Fund (VERF) and the amount is included in the 2024/25 – 2025/26 VERF Operating Budget.

The Vehicle and Equipment Replacement Fund receives annual contributions from City funds in order to ensure sufficient resources are available when replacement is needed. Annual funding in the operating budget comes from the Enterprise Funds (57%), the General Fund (38%), and other funds (5%).

BACKGROUND

The Council/Administrative Policy No. 10-7, Purchasing Policy, requires that purchases of goods or services over \$50,000 per vendor, per fiscal year must be approved by City Council.

The Police Department Fleet is an essential part of police operations. When vehicles are replaced, funding is provided by the VERF from amounts set aside annually for this purpose.



**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM NO. F.4
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Taking a police vehicle out of service or putting a new vehicle into service requires a contractor specifically trained and experienced in installation, repair and service of police vehicle equipment. Examples of some of the equipment includes special and specific police emergency lighting as required by law, sirens, cameras, weapon mounts, prisoner cages, radios and computers. If still within its useful life, equipment from the vehicles being replaced can be recycled to new vehicle or replaced, if on schedule for replacement, however, labor is still required.

The police department sent out a request for quotes with local vendors for labor rates of both stripping and outfitting equipment in police vehicles. LEHR was the lowest bidder.

Due to recent supply chain and factory production issues, the replacement of police vehicles currently in service has been delayed since 2020. With supply chain and factory production of vehicles showing signs of improvement in 2024 and into 2025, it is anticipated that the police department could replace approximately twenty-five police vehicles during the next two years. This number is approximate as there is still uncertainty with Ford's factory production and vehicle availability. Since approving Resolution No. 2024-32 which was adopted on April 9, 2024, ten police vehicles have been purchased that need to be outfitted.

Fleet vehicles are typically replaced on a schedule due to age, but there are occasions when police vehicles need to be replaced or repaired sooner than the scheduled life expectancy due to collisions, damage, or other costly repairs.

CITY COUNCIL STRATEGIC INITIATIVE

Not Applicable.

PREVIOUS ACTION

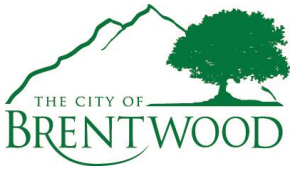
Previous Action by the City Council is included on Attachment 1.

DATE OF NOTICE

Not Applicable.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

Not Applicable.



ALTERNATIVE OPTION(S)

Not approving this recommendation will prevent police vehicles from being properly outfitted with the necessary equipment making them not deployable and negatively impacting public safety. If not approved, we request that the item is continued with direction for staff to return with additional information.

ATTACHMENT(S)

1. Previous Action
2. Resolution
3. Agreement
4. Bid Tabulation