



City of Rochester Hills
AGENDA SUMMARY
FINANCIAL ITEMS

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Legislative File No: 2012-0002

TO: Mayor and City Council Members
FROM: Allan Schneck, P.E., Director Department of Public Services
DATE: January 2, 2012
SUBJECT: Vehicles

REQUEST:

City Council is requested to authorize the purchase of seven (7) new vehicles (replacements for 39-155, 39-159, 39-161, 39-162, 39-163, 39-165, 39-166) from Red Holman Buick GMC, Westland, Michigan in the amount of \$124,563.00 and Lafontaine-Saline, Saline, MI in the amount of \$18,294.00 for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$142,857.00.

REASON FOR PURCHASE:

The City's fleet equipment policy, which includes a replacement timetable, was created in 1988 to provide a responsible program and process for the practical maintenance and replacement of the City's vehicles and equipment. Proactive and scheduled replacement addresses the issue of replacing a vehicle having relatively low miles but may have seen severe service and or high engine run hours.

Vehicle manufacturers allot a very small percentage of their order schedules for fleet vehicles. Order cut-off is typically slated for the first quarter of the model year. It is important that the City expedite the purchase of the vehicles to avoid missing the manufacturers order cut-off date. If the cut-off date is missed, the vehicles would have to be purchased at retail, or the vehicles in need of replacement could incur additional repair and or maintenance costs from not being replaced.

The City purchases vehicles through the Oakland County Cooperative Purchase Program. Vehicles are purchased through this program at a cost significantly lower than retail and surplus vehicles are disposed of through the Michigan Intergovernmental Trade Network on-line auctions. Fleet management best practices identify 20% as a target rate of return to receive from an initial investment of a vehicle. Over the past year utilizing the MITN on-line auction site the City has been realizing a 35% rate of return from the initial investment of the vehicle. Purchasing the vehicles at a significant discount and selling them at auction before significant operating costs are incurred has resulted in relatively low life cycle costs to the City.

PROCESS:

Vendor Name and Address:

Red Holman Buick GMC
35300 Ford Road
Westland, MI 48185

Lafontaine - Saline

P.O. Box 340
Saline, MI 48176

Reason for Selection:
Oakland County Cooperative Purchasing Program

Method of Purchase:
Purchase Order

BUDGET:

A portion of remaining budget will still be needed to purchase additional equipment (i.e. snowplows) for certain vehicles.

Fund Name	Department Account No	Account No. Description	Budget Amount	Cost	Remaining Budget
Fleet	661.981000	Capital - Vehicles	\$188,470.00	\$142,857.00	\$45,613.00

RECOMMENDATION:

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APPROVALS:	SIGNATURE	DATE
Department Review		
Department Director		
Budget Content: Finance Director		
Purchasing Process: Supervisor of Procurement		
Mayor		
City Council Liaison		