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TO: The Honorable Mayor Manier and Washington City Council
FROM: Chief of Police Michael D. McCoy and Deputy Chief Jeff Stevens
DATE: May 3, 2018

RE: Purchase Authorization Related to Donation of Police Canine Car

About five years ago, Washington residents Elmer and Keith Zimmerman donated funding to establish and operate a police canine unit at the Washington Police Department. That donation was a memorial for Elmer's wife (Keith's mother), Pauline Zimmerman. Since establishing that unit, Elmer Zimmerman has passed away.

After five years of service, the specialized squad car for the canine unit is in need of replacement. Mr. Keith Zimmerman approached the Mayor and Department about a donation that would help to ensure the continued effective operation of the police canine unit in Washington and he has donated funds to completely replace the vehicle with a new Ford Explorer and to equip the vehicle.

In anticipation of Mr. Zimmerman's donation, the Department sought bids for a replacement vehicle, including trade in of the current car with the usable equipment stripped. The low bid among three was from Uftring Ford in the amount of \$30,724, minus \$2,800 trade value, for a total of \$27,924.

The Department utilizes Ragan Communication for installation of vehicle equipment because, among other things, that arrangement produces identical installations and equipment facilitating interoperability in squad cars, thereby enhancing safe operation and because a single installer facilitates accountability in the event of a malfunction. The Department does shop component prices and has compared competitor pricing for some prior installations. The quote for this installation from Ragan Communications includes an unusual amount of new equipment, particularly a partition for the dog and prisoner, which must be re-purchased because of the different vehicle type. The current car is a Crown Victoria, which is no longer manufactured. The total equipment and installation cost from Ragan Communication is \$9,914.14. The Department will separately pay for salvage of equipment from the current car.

The Department recommends and requests Council authorization for the purchase of a new Ford Explorer from Uftring Ford in the amount of \$30,724, minus \$2,800 trade value, for a total of \$27,924, as well as authorization for Ragan Communication to provide new equipment and install that equipment along with salvaged equipment for an amount not to exceed \$9,914.14.

Mr. Zimmerman has already donated funds to the City for this purpose. That donation completely covers the requested authorization. The Department intends to provide Mr. Zimmerman with a complete accounting of the funds.