Washington Police Department



October 9, 2018

TO: Honorable Mayor Gary Manier and the Washington City Council

FROM: Chief Michael D. McCoy and Deputy Chief Jeff Stevens

RE: Replacement of Patrol Supervisors' Vehicle

On September 11, 2018, the patrol supervisor vehicle was involved in a collision that resulted in front-end damage and the deployment of airbags. The damage repair estimate along with the high salvage value of the vehicle resulted in a total loss declaration from the City's insurance adjuster.

The patrol supervisor vehicle holds equipment standard patrol vehicles need not hold, such as scene command items and traffic incident management supplies. Some of the cargo does not require inside-the-cab storage, and the F150 was equipped with a locking cover and pull-out drawer to accommodate this cargo while still maintaining the availability of a truck bed when that need arises. A benefit of this approach is that it lessens the amount of loose items in the passenger compartment behind the driver, items that would forcibly move forward in a frontal collision. With this in mind, we sought bids to replace the vehicle with the same model, which will allow us to utilize salvaged equipment such as the locking bed cover and pull-out drawer, as well as some emergency equipment.

The Department received competitive bids from Uftring, Mangold, and Finish Line. Uftring provided the low bid of \$31, 894.

Ragan Communication provided a quote of \$5,261.20 for installation of emergency equipment and replacement of the lightbar, changing from the inside-the-cab light bar to an external bar.

Costs to mark the vehicle are estimated at \$620.

Total cost estimate for replacement is \$37,775.20

The insurance payment for the truck, less costs such as salvage of equipment and towing, totals \$25,625 and normal accrual of MERF designated for this vehicle is \$13,459, a total of \$39,085.

The Department requests authorization for the above purchases as outlined.