

Legislation Text

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TO: Erin Rinehart, City Manager

FROM: Rex D. Redden, Director of Public Safety
Andrew Horn, Police Commander

Consider **Approval Of Lease Vehicles For The Police Department Through The Collin County Government Forum** In An Amount Not To Exceed \$48,400.00.

BACKGROUND:

The Carrollton Police Department uses lease vehicles for covert investigations. Leasing is less expensive than a fleet vehicle purchase on a short-term basis. In order to provide a degree of officer safety and investigative security, the name of the leasing company has been omitted from this item.

The lease vehicle expense is a budgeted line item and is included annually in the budget. Council approved a requested increase of \$16,000 in the FY 2017-18 budget, resulting in an authorized allocation of \$48,400.

The Police Department obtained new competitive quotes in order to replace the expiring lease agreement for these vehicles. The Department requests approval to join the City of Plano's five-year vehicle leasing contract, which has three years remaining. The agreement allows for a complete vehicle exchange every twelve months, and the ability to exchange vehicles with partner agencies upon the agreement of both agencies, if necessary.

Carrollton and Plano are members of the Collin County Government Forum, which is a purchasing agreement. The City's Purchasing Director has confirmed that the requirements of state law are met by this agreement.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

This item has no financial implications beyond the costs included in the annual budget.

IMPACT ON COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY:

Use of these vehicles enhances the effectiveness of Police Department covert operations, including narcotics enforcement and criminal surveillance.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION/ACTION DESIRED:

Staff recommends City Council approval of the leasing of vehicles for the Police Department through the Collin County Government Forum, in an amount not to exceed \$48,400.00.