

# Agenda Report

**TO:** CITY COUNCIL                                   **DATE:**      APRIL 5, 1999

**FROM:**    CITY MANAGER

**SUBJECT:**  AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSFER A SALVAGE TRASH TRUCK AND ONE-TON PASSENGER VAN TO THE CITY OF LORETO, BAJA CALIFORNIA, SUR.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the transfer of a salvage trash truck and one-ton passenger van to the city of Loreto, Baja California, Sur.

It is further recommended that the City Council find that based upon the information contained herein, that a public purpose is served by exempting the proposed transfer from the provisions of the Surplus Equipment and Goods Ordinance P.M.C. 4.04, pursuant to section 4.04.080.

BACKGROUND

Loreto, Baja California, Sur. is a small costal community of approximately 9,000 residents in an isolated area 700 miles south of the California border. The town is significantly depressed economically.

Over the years, several members of the Pasadena Police Department, who vacation in the area, have taken personal items and discarded police equipment such as, old uniforms and badly worn leather gear to Loreto. Those items, while of no value, have been graciously and enthusiastically received and put to use by the Loreto Police Department. In November 1996, this effort was brought to the attention of the City Council by way of a request to donate two surplus police cars to Loreto, which was approved.

The local administration of Loreto continues to struggle to meet the needs of its residents. Recently, the Municipal President of Loreto sent a letter to the City Manager requesting the donation of additional vehicles which could be used by the community.

Staff has identified two vehicles, a 1987 trash truck and a 1987 one-ton passenger van that are currently awaiting auction, that could be donated to Loreto. The estimated value of the trash truck is \$4,000 and the van \$3,000. Staff recommends City Council approval of the donation.

The Surplus Equipment and Goods Ordinance, P.M.C. 4.04, requires that surplus equipment be disposed of only through public auction or sealed bids open to the general public. However, the Ordinance enables the City Council to authorize alternate methods of disposal, provided such authorization contains a finding that a valid public purpose is served in doing so. Such public purpose is to be found in assisting the administration of Loreto to meet the public health and safety needs of its residents. It should be noted that within the next few weeks staff will bring forward for Council City consideration a policy regarding the donation of surplus and salvage equipment.

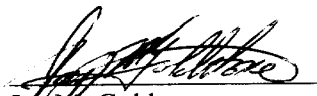
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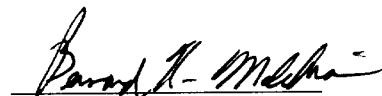
The total value of the two vehicles requested for donation is approximately \$7,000. No city funds will be expended in transferring the vehicles to Loreto.


Respectfully submitted,

  
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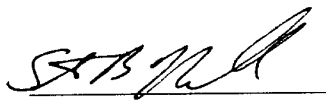
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