

Agenda Report

DATE: July 22, 2002
TO: City Council
THROUGH: Finance Committee
FROM: City Manager
SUBJECT: Appropriation of funds for the purchase of two new vehicles for the Counter Terrorism Section of the Pasadena Police Department.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that the City Council approve a journal voucher amending the FY 2003 operating budget by appropriating \$50,000 from the unappropriated Asset Forfeiture Fund balance to budget account 8505-207-407500, Asset Forfeiture.

BACKGROUND:

The Counter Terrorism Section (CTS) of the Pasadena Police Department is responsible for investigating possible terrorist activity, monitoring related events and conducting threat assessments for special events for the City of Pasadena. There are two personnel assigned to CTS that work on a full-time capacity. CTS utilize three undercover vehicles to blend with the general environment. These vehicles are temporarily assigned to CTS from the Special Investigations Section of the police department. Two of these cars are similar in make, mode and color, which prevent them from being used simultaneously during surveillance operations.

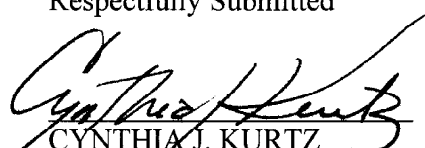
Each car has over 100,000 miles, with an average age of 8 years, and purchased through Asset Forfeiture proceedings. Currently, one of the vehicles is in need of a new transmission, while another vehicle may need an engine overhaul. CTS operates these vehicles on a rotating basis in attempt to prevent further repairs or maintenance problems.

The police department is recommending the purchase of two new vehicles at a total cost not to exceed \$50,000, and to replace the current vehicles used by the Counter Terrorism Section. The \$50,000 purchase price is based on an average price of \$25,000 per vehicle. The actual price will be determined at the time of sale. The cost for maintenance and repairs for the new vehicles will be deducted from the Asset Forfeiture account.

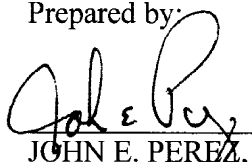
Fiscal Impact:

Upon approval of this request, the Asset Forfeiture account would increase by an amount not to exceed \$50,000 for FY-2003, while the unappropriated Asset Forfeiture Fund balance would decrease to \$187,000. However, that amount would be offset to by the funds generated by the sale of the three vehicles and the significant decrease in repairs and maintenance.

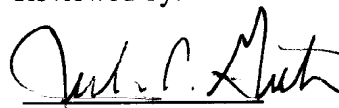
Respectfully Submitted


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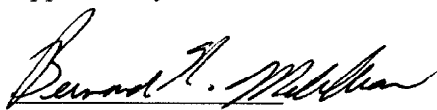
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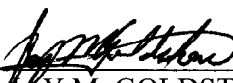
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