

COUNCIL LETTER
City of Knoxville
October 3, 2016

Agenda Item: Select bidder for purchase of new police patrol car.

Background: The 2016/2017 Police Department Budget includes \$41,000 for vehicles in the Vehicle Equipment Replacement Fund. The Department solicited bids from four (4) companies and received two (2) bids for a 2017 Chevy Tahoe police SUV.

Chevy Tahoe Police SUV	
Motor Inn	\$35,979.00
Karl Chevrolet	\$34,426.84

These prices do not include equipping and striping the unit. That will cost approximately \$4,000.

Policy Question: Which bid for a 2017 police car should the Council approve?

Budget Impact: \$41,000 was budgeted for this purchase.

Recommendation: The Police Chief recommends purchasing a 2017 Tahoe from Karl's Chevrolet. The Motor Inn Tahoe bid is about \$1,552 or 4.5% above Karl's bid. This is beyond our local vendor preference policy. Additionally, the last several years Karl's Chevrolet has received the bid to equip new police vehicles. If they get the bid this year, the process of equipping the unit and getting it ready for the road will be sped up as KPD will not need to call and set up an appointment to have it equipped after delivery from Motor Inn. Since Karl's Chevrolet will know when the vehicle is being delivered they can arrange to have it immediately equipped eliminating the lag time.

Supporting Documents: Copy of bids