



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Future Item for the City Council Meeting of July 23, 2013
Action Item for the City Council Meeting of July 30, 2013

DATE: July 23, 2013
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Law Enforcement Firearms & Accessories

CAPTION:

Motion approving the purchase of firearms and accessories from Smith & Wesson Corporation, Springfield, Massachusetts, based on sole source, in the amount of \$91,395. Funds are budgeted in the Police and Fire departments' FY 2012-2013 budgets.

PURPOSE:

These .40 caliber Smith & Wesson Model M&P firearms and accessories will be issued to and used by law enforcement officers in the Police Department, Airport Police, City Marshal's Office and Fire Department. The firearms are duty pistols that are replacements, as are the accessories, and will be used to protect and serve the citizens of Corpus Christi, Texas.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The Police Department, Airport Police, City Marshal's Office and Fire Department investigators are the four areas within the City that have law enforcement responsibilities. Only the Police Department and Airport Police are currently standardized on a single make and model of firearm, that being Glock.

A total of 466 new Smith & Wesson .40 caliber M&P model firearms will be secured from Smith & Wesson, of which 247 will be purchased outright and an additional 219 will be traded in on a gun-for-gun, no-cost basis. Ultimately, each department will secure the following number of firearms:

- 435 Police Department (192 no-cost, gun-for-gun trade and 243 purchased outright)
- 20 Airport Police (20 no-cost, gun-for-gun trade)
- 7 City Marshal's Office (7 no-cost, gun-for-gun trade)
- 4 Fire Department (4 purchased outright)
- 466 Total Firearms

All 466 holsters are included by Smith & Wesson at no additional cost. The 150 spare magazines will be purchased outright.

Glocks were not available earlier this year when the Police Department needed to secure 41 additional duty pistols for its police academy cadets. Thus, the Police Department secured the required .40 caliber firearms from Smith & Wesson. Glocks are currently not available. In order to ensure interchangeability of parts and accessories, particularly magazines and ammunition in the event of a major incident, it is necessary for the Police Department to standardize on a single make and model of firearm. This purchase will, therefore, ensure all four areas of law enforcement within the City use a single standardized firearm.

ALTERNATIVES:

Not Applicable.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

This purchase is exempt from the competitive bidding statutes as provided in Section 252.022 (7) of Chapter 252 of the Local Government Code: "a procurement of items available from only one source".

CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:

This purchase conforms to the City's purchasing policies and procedures and Texas State procurement laws.

EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY:

Non-Emergency.

DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:

Police, Aviation, Municipal Court and Fire Departments

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

X Operating Revenue Capital Not applicable

Fiscal Year: 2012-2013	Project to Date Expenditures (CIP only)	Current Year	Future Years	TOTALS
Line Item Budget		\$241,829.73	\$0.00	\$241,829.73
Encumbered / Expended Amount		\$120,923.06	\$0.00	\$120,923.06
This item		\$91,395.00	\$0.00	\$91,395.00
BALANCE		\$29,511.67	\$0.00	\$29,511.67

Fund(s): Police and Fire Departments

Comments:

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the motion as presented.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Price Sheet