



VILLAGE OF KEY BISCAYNE

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Genaro "Chip" Iglesias

Date: April 21, 2008

To: The Honorable Mayor and Members of the Village Council

From: Village Manager Genaro "Chip" Iglesias

Re: T3 Personal Mobility Vehicle

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Village authorize the purchase of the T3 Personal Mobility Vehicle for our police department utilizing funds from the Federal Forfeiture Assets Account.

Background

The Village of Key Biscayne Police Department, in an effort to promote higher visibility for its crime prevention activities, and in addition, following the lead of the Village government in its Green Initiative, requests to purchase an electrical vehicle. This vehicle, which will contain LED lighting and be highly visible to the public, uses battery power, thus creates clean energy with zero gas emissions. It operates at a cost of less than 10 cents per day, creating a cost savings to the Village by not using a police vehicle. Additionally, because this is not a standard budget item, the Police Department can utilize its Federal Forfeiture Assets Account for the purchase. The current account balance is in excess of \$261,000.

RESOLUTION NO. 2008

A CAPITAL PROJECT AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF KEY BISCAYNE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWELVE-THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$12,000.00), FROM THE FEDERAL ASSET SHARING ACCOUNT FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) T-3 ELECTRIC PATROL VEHICLE WITH LED LIGHTING, TWO (2) POWER MODULES, AND ONE (1) EACH OF A POWER CHARGER, PANNIER PACK, SAFETY HELMET, AND TYPE B SPARE POWER MODULE (THE "EQUIPMENT") , FROM EMERGENCY VEHICLE SUPPLY; WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR PURCHASE OF THE EQUIPMENT PURSUANT TO VILLAGE CODE SECTION 2-85; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Police Department is always looking for ways to increase its visibility in the Village and heighten resident and visitor awareness of their presence; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department is also interested in ways of patrolling the Village that provide a 'Green' alternative to utilizing its patrol cars; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department is also looking for a maneuverable patrol tool that will enable it to search areas typically only accessible by foot in a much shorter period of time than it would typically take to cover that area by foot; and

WHEREAS, it has become increasingly apparent that Village of Key Biscayne officers may use a patrol tool that also enables them to both have greater visibility for themselves and be seen more easily by the community while on patrol in the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Key Biscayne Police Department has seen that other police departments both in South Florida and across the country have utilized the T-3 Electric Vehicle as a means of addressing these and other similar concerns; and

WHEREAS, to increase officer visibility and mobility within the Village, the department is proposing the purchase of one (1) T-3 Electric Patrol Vehicle with LED lighting, two (2)

power modules, and one (1) each of a power charger, pannier pack, safety helmet, and type B spare power module (the “ Equipment”) ; and

WHEREAS, this expenditure is an officer safety and enhancement purchase which was not included in the Police Department’s operating budget costs/police equipment line item; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Asset Sharing Account has in excess of \$261,000 from which the Equipment can be purchased; and

WHEREAS, these monies are the result of seized assets from joint investigations between the Village of Key Biscayne Police Department and Federal Law Enforcement Agencies; not from tax revenue; and

WHEREAS, since this expenditure is from said forfeited properties, this Police Department need may be satisfied at no cost to our residents; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council finds, upon advice from the Village Attorney, that competitive bidding procedures for the purchase of the Equipment may be, and are hereby , waived by the Council pursuant to Village Code Section 2-85 upon the Council finding, as is hereby found, that it is impractical to apply such competitive bidding procedures for the Equipment purchase in light of the unique nature of the product, the fact that the Village is purchasing directly from the manufacturer, and of the desire to expedite the deployment of the Equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police has recommended purchasing this equipment using funds from the Federal Asset Sharing Account.; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police has recommended adoption of this Resolution and determined that the proposed expenditure complies with guidelines regarding the use of funds from the Federal Asset Sharing Account.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF KEY BISCAYNE, FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals Adopted. That each of the recitals stated above are hereby adopted and confirmed.

Section 2. **Purchase Authorized.** That the Chief of Police is hereby authorized to purchase the Equipment for a total expenditure not to exceed \$12,000.00. The funds for this purchase will come from the Federal Asset Sharing Account.

Section 3. **Effective Date:** That this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2008.

MAYOR ROBERT L. VERNON

ATTEST:

CONCHITA H. ALVAREZ, CMC, VILLAGE CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

VILLAGE ATTORNEY