City of Dublin

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Memo

To: Members of Dublin City Council

From: Dana L. McDaniel, City Manager

Date: July 1, 2016

Initiated By: Heinz von Eckartsberg, Chief of Police

Re: **Resolution No. 41-16 - Waiving Competitive Bidding Requirements for the Purchase of Handguns and Associated Equipment for the Dublin Police Department**

Summary

Attached for your consideration is Resolution No. 41-16 waiving competitive bidding requirements for the procurement of handguns and associated equipment (i.e. holsters, magazine holders, Simunition training products, etc.) for the Police Department. The Department has a trusted history and positive working relationship with a local company who has agreed to work through the various logistical issues involved in this handgun transition. When dealing with public safety equipment, it is important to deal with a trusted company who can provide high quality equipment and service.

The Police Department's current handguns are now 10+ years old. According to manufacturer's suggested guidelines, the handguns should be replaced or refurbished every 10 years. Based on our staff analysis, it is less expensive to trade our current handguns in for credit towards new handguns than it is to refurbish the current equipment. Additionally, the new handguns have upgraded features that the current handguns do not possess.

Vance's, located in Columbus, Ohio is currently the only preferred Sig Sauer distributer in a 100-mile radius. The only other distributor that carries Sig Sauer products does not have online service and does not carry Simunition products that are used for our force-on-force training. Vance's offers both these services. In addition, as a local company, Vance's offers us the opportunity of being able to avoid most shipping costs as we can simply pick up products directly from the distributor in Columbus. Additionally, the customer service and ability to handle complex ordering, and processing of trade-ins in the past by Vance's has been exemplary.

Expenditures for the purchase of handguns and associated equipment are estimated at approximately $120,000. Funding is included in the 2016 Capital Improvement Program budget.

Recommendation

Staff recommends Council adopt Resolution No. 41-16, waiving competitive bidding for the purchase of handguns and associated equipment (i.e. holsters, magazine holders, Simunition training products, etc.) for the Dublin Police Department.

RECORD OF RESOLUTIONS

Dayton Legal Blank, Inc., Form No. 30045

Resolution No. 41-16 Passed _____, 20____

A RESOLUTION WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING REQUIREMENTS, PURSUANT TO SECTION 8.04 ("CONTRACTING PROCEDURES") PARAGRAPH (C) ("WAIVER OF COMPETITIVE BIDDING") FOR THE PURCHASE OF HANDGUNS AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT FOR THE DUBLIN DIVISION OF POLICE

WHEREAS, Section 8.04 (c) of the Revised Charter authorizes Council, by a vote of not less than five (5) members, to waive competitive bidding requirements if Council determines that it is in the best interest of the City to do so; and

WHEREAS, the handguns used by the Division of Police are now in excess of 10 years old; and

WHEREAS, according to manufacturer's suggested guidelines, handguns should be replaced or refurbished every 10 years; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined that with the trade-in credit, it is less expensive to obtain new handguns than to refurbish its current equipment; and

WHEREAS, following an extensive search, the Division of Police has identified a local provider, which saves time and allows all products to be collected, traded and serviced without additional shipping costs; and

WHEREAS, Vance's is the only preferred Sig Sauer distributor within a 100-mile radius and has established a trusted working relationship with the Division of Police; and

WHEREAS, Vance's has served as a trusted firearms provider in the past, provides high quality equipment and service at competitive prices, has provided handgun systems that were reviewed and tested, has agreed to work with the Dublin Division of Police to insure minimal disruption in the transition and change out process for new handguns; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends that it is in the City's best interest to waive competitive bidding requirements for the purchase of handguns and associated equipment (i.e. holsters, magazine holders, Simunition training products, etc.) for the Dublin Division of Police.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Dublin, State of Ohio, _____ of the elected members concurring that:

Section 1. The competitive bidding requirements are hereby waived for the purchase of new handguns and associated equipment by the Dublin Division of Police.

Section 2. The waiver of competitive bidding is hereby declared to be in the best interest of the City.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect and be in force upon passage in accordance with Section 4.04(a) of the Revised Charter.

Passed this _____ day of _____, 2016

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Mayor – Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

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Clerk of Council