



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Henry Holling, Interim City Manager

AGENDA DATE REQUESTED: April 14, 2009

ACTION REQUESTED: APPROVAL FOR THE PURCHASE OF 175 BLAUER MODEL 342 GS ZIPPER SAFETY VESTS FROM SAM HARRIS UNIFORMS FOR THE AMOUNT \$12,031.25 TO REPLACE THE SAFETY VESTS POLICE OFFICERS WERE ISSUED WHICH ARE NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE NEW FEDERAL STANDARD.

BACKGROUND: The federal government changed the requirement standard for the safety vests worn by law enforcement when conducting traffic duties to ANSI-107. At this time the safety vests we are using and issuing to our officers does not meet this standard. The federal government also required that vests meeting the new standard be in place by November 24, 2008.

We have been working to be in compliance with the new standard by sending out bids for the purchase of the new safety vests. We solicited eight bids and the following four were returned:

- Illinois Fire & Police \$15,750.00
- Sam Harris \$12,031.25
- Ray O'Herron provided the lowest bid of \$12,250.75
- U. S. Calvary-no bid

Sam Harris Uniforms the lowest bid of \$12,031.25, which will cover all patrol officers leaving approximately 25 to be used by officers in other division when they conduct traffic duties. We hope to purchase the other 75 vests for non-patrol personnel in 2009.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: The financial Impact would be the utilization of \$12,031.25 from the Police Department's Clothing Line Item. Account number 101-2121-561-.49-08.

NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERNS: N/A

IMPACT IF APPROVED: The Department will be in compliance with federal guidelines.

IMPACT IF DENIED: We will not be in compliance with federal guidelines.

ALTERNATIVES: None

EEO CERTIFICATION NUMBER: 00127-091231- Sam Harris Uniforms

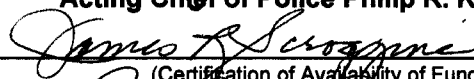
RELATIONSHIP TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: The new safety vests will provide higher visibility for officers while conducting their duties day or night and will meet federal guidelines.

REQUIRED SIGNATURES

Department Director


Acting Chief of Police Philip R. Korem

Finance Director


(Certification of Availability of Funds)

Corporation Counsel



City Manager

