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## **COUNCIL COMMUNICATION City Manager's Office**

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

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### **SUBJECT—**

Award of Bid V05-097 Police Department Meter Checker Vehicles

### **SYNOPSIS—**

Bid proposals were sent to eleven reputable dealerships to purchase four compact vehicles. Eight proposals were returned to the city. The low compliant bidder was Stew Hanson's Dodge City who proposed a Dodge Stratus at \$14,224.00 per vehicle.

### **FISCAL IMPACT—**

Total cost of these vehicles will be \$56,896.00. Funding will come from the Parking System EN051, POL100700.

### **RECOMMENDATION—**

Approval by the City Council to accept the bid proposal submitted by Stew Hanson's Dodge for four Dodge Stratus Meter Checker vehicles and the funding of \$56,896.00 be encumbered from the Parking System Fund En051, POL100700.

### **BACKGROUND—**

In 1999, the Meter Checkers Section of the police department was assigned Ford Contours. These vehicles have not only reached their replacement term but were damaged in a parking ramp fire several years ago and were never repairable to their original operational efficiency. These vehicles have extensive maintenance records, which will be exacerbated with further service. Bid proposals were sent to eleven reputable dealerships for four compact vehicles. Eight proposals were returned to the city. The low dollar bidder is Karl Chevrolet who bid the Chevrolet Cobalt at \$12,836.60 per vehicle. This vehicle does not meet specifications. Specifications require a six-cylinder vehicle, The Cobalt supports only four cylinders. The second low bidder was Stew Hanson's Dodge City who proposed a Dodge Stratus at \$14,224.00 per vehicle. This vehicle sufficiently meets specifications.

2006 Honda Civic Hybrids were also proposed. Their initial cost was \$7,875 more than the Stratus. Given the fuel efficiency of the Hybrid, it would save approximately \$500 per year in fuel costs over the Stratus. However, this savings would not overcome the cost difference of the vehicles until the 16<sup>th</sup> year of ownership. At this point staff can not recommend the purchase of Hybrid vehicles.

The police department recommends awarding Stew Hanson's Dodge City a purchase order for these vehicles at a total of \$56,896.00. The four existing Ford Contours will be sold at the Fleet Service auction after receiving the new vehicles.