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	Roll Call No.	<u>17-0393</u>
	Communication No.	<u>17-257</u>
	Submitted by:	Carl Metzger, Deputy City Manager

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving the purchase of three (3) replacement vehicles for use in the Engineering Department.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of three (3) replacement vehicles in the City’s fleet for use in the Engineering Department in accordance with specifications and award of the State of Iowa Department of Administrative Services vehicle purchasing contract from Stivers Ford, 1450 E. Hickman Road, Waukee, Iowa 50263 (Scott Politte, General Manager) in the amount of \$78,237.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$78,237

Funding Source: \$78,237 Equipment Replacement Fund IS201 CM024021

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Three (3) vehicles in the City fleet utilized by the Engineering Department’s Construction Inspection Division were identified that meet or exceed established replacement criteria and approved for replacement by the Fleet Oversight Committee. The 2017 Ford Explorer was identified as the mid-sized SUV possessing sufficient cargo space (43.9 cubic feet) to accommodate the necessary tools and equipment used by Construction Inspectors. This SUV also has four-wheel drive capability that is necessary to access work sites.

Alternate models within the *small* class of SUV were evaluated for cargo space in attempt to down size the vehicle class in this application. None possess sufficient cargo space behind the front seat and behind the rear seat to hold all necessary tools and equipment. Based on the cargo space needs of the operating division the 2017 Ford Explorer will meet the needs of the department and is recommended for purchase from the State of Iowa Department of Administrative Services vehicle purchasing contract.

Previous experience in competitively bidding a designated make and model that is available from the State contract resulted in no cost savings and diminished bid responses. Other dealers did not submit bids against a known State of Iowa contract holder as the contract holder is awarded manufacturers price concessions applied to the State contract bid.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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