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Memorandum

To: Steve Giesbrecht, Borough Manager
Cc: Mayor Jensen and Members of the Borough Assembly
From: Chris Cotta, Public Works Director
Re: Police Vehicle Purchase

The FY21 approved Borough budget includes the following police vehicle replacement:

PD 56 SUV Patrol Unit @ \$52,000

The current #56 (Ford Explorer) proved unreliable and was removed from duty owing to the high cost of repairs needed to keep the vehicle in service. Due to various new vehicle production outages a suitable replacement vehicle has been difficult to source. We were recently informed that State of Alaska contract Chevy Tahoe police vehicles were available once again. The State contract Tahoe meets the requirements of the Petersburg Police Dept and Chevy is one of the few suitable brands for this type of vehicle that still have warranty support in SE Alaska.

Alaska Sales and Service of Anchorage (the State's Chevy fleet dealer) has supplied a quote for a 2021 Tahoe equipped as per the requirements of the Petersburg PD. This quote is attached for reference. Both the Tahoe and the listed upfit equipment are priced via the current State of Alaska contract pricing. Total cost of the vehicle would be \$55,744. This includes the vehicle price of \$39,889, upfit equipment at \$14,590, and shipping estimated at \$1,265 via AML. We may be able to ship the vehicle via ferry at less cost, however given the uncertain status of ferry service from Juneau it is best to budget for barge shipment just in case.

Code Section 4.04.040 (Exceptions to Bidding), Section G States: *When it is advantageous to the borough to enter into a contract with a bidder for the same supplies or services such bidder is providing another Alaskan local government, the state of Alaska, a cooperative purchasing association composed of government agencies, or the United States, where such supplies, equipment or services are being provided to the other governmental unit or association on the basis of competitive bids submitted; and where the borough contract is on substantially the same terms as those bid; or to contract with or through such other governmental unit or association so that the benefit of the responsible bid accrues to the borough;*

This proposed vehicle replacement was approved in the FY21 Borough budget, adheres to Borough purchasing code and meets an ongoing need of the Police Dept. Although it exceeds the anticipated FY21 budget of \$52,000, the Police Dept's Motor Pool reserves are adequate to fund this purchase and still leave enough funds to purchase another vehicle in FY23, if needed. Since we are unlikely to receive

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the proposed vehicle before the end of the budget year on June 30th, the Motor Pool's FY22 budget includes \$56,000 for this vehicle purchase.

For the preceding reasons, Public Works recommends award of this vehicle purchase to Alaska Sales and Service, of Anchorage, in the amount of \$55,744. If you agree with this recommendation, please forward it to the Borough Assembly for consideration at their next regular meeting on March 22, 2021. Thank you.

Attachment: Alaska Sales & Service Quote (5 pages)

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