



## **Item No. 8 Town of Atherton**

### **CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT – CONSENT AGENDA**

**TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL**

**THROUGH: GEORGE RODERICKS, CITY MANAGER**

**FROM: STEVEN D. MCCULLEY, CHIEF OF POLICE**

**DATE: DECEMBER 21, 2022**

**SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF A \$51,326 DONATION IN SUPPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT TRAFFIC DIVISION WITH THE PURCHASE OF A BMW PATROL MOTORCYCLE AND IN SUPPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT RESIDENTIAL ALARM MONITORING PROGRAM WITH THE PURCHASE OF A INTERNET PROTOCOL CAPABLE ALARM MONITORING TRANSCEIVER.**

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Accept a \$51,326 donation for the purchase of a BMW police patrol motorcycle and a Bosch Internet Protocol; (IP) residential alarm monitoring transceiver.

#### **BACKGROUND**

The police department has a long history of a police motorcycle traffic safety enforcement unit which responds protectively to enforce traffic safety laws and to investigate vehicle collisions. Traffic safety concerns are the number one resident complaint we receive on a routine basis. Currently our motorcycle traffic unit consists of a motor sergeant and four motor officer positions.

As a service to our residents, our police dispatch center directly monitors residential alarm systems. We currently monitor over 1,200 alarms. Direct alarm monitoring reduces time delays related to third party alarm monitoring and reduces our officer response times to the alarm notification.

#### **ANALYSIS**

To support the readiness of our police motorcycle program, a BMW backup/training motorcycle has routinely been maintained as part of our motorcycle fleet. The current back up/training motorcycle is beyond its normal usable service length and needs to be replaced. This motorcycle will be sent to auction and replaced with the current highest mileage motorcycle in deployment. The deployment motorcycle will be replaced with the new BMW motorcycle.

The current Bosch analog alarm monitoring transceiver in the dispatch center is over 10 years old. As many residents continue to eliminate their land line hard wired telephone, they are no longer able to connect to the analog monitoring transceiver, without using a cumbersome cellular phone connection. Dispatch routinely receives requests from residents to be able to connect to alarm monitoring via the internet. The new IP monitoring transceiver will allow dispatch to offer this up-to-date service for our residents.

Staff was approached by a resident who wants to donate \$51,326 to the Town for the express purpose of funding the purchase of the BMW police motorcycle and the Bosch IP residential alarm monitor transceiver.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

None.

The private funding of \$51,326 will support the purchase costs of the BMW patrol motorcycle and the Bosch IP alarm monitoring transceiver. Ongoing costs to support motorcycle will be limed to fuel and routine maintenance costs. Those costs currently exist. Costs related to the support of the alarm transceiver will be limited to minimal IT installation costs.

#### **Equipment cost list:**

BMW Patrol Motorcycle: \$41,220

Bosch IP Alarm Transceiver: \$10,106

**TOTAL: \$51,326**

### **GOAL ALIGNMENT**

This report and its contents are in alignment with the following Council Policy Goals:

- Goal E – Strengthen Community Engagement and Transparency
- Goal F – Be Forward-Thinking, Well-Managed, and Well-Planned
- Goal G – Emergency Preparedness – Be Prepared

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### **COMMISSION/COMMITTEE FEEDBACK/REFERRAL**

Acceptance of Donation for Patrol Motorcycle and Residential Alarm Transceiver

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**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Quote for the purchase of the BMW police motorcycle with police radio.
2. Quote for the purchase of the Bosch IP alarm monitoring transceiver.