

Honorable Mayor and Members of  
The Hermosa Beach City Council

Regular meeting of  
November 12, 2002

**PURCHASE OF ONE (1) 2003 FORD EXPLORER SUV  
FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that Council:

1. Authorize the purchase of one (1) new Ford Explorer SUV from Midway Ford Sales of Los Angeles, California

**BACKGROUND**

Fire Department vehicles are part of the inventory of the Equipment Replacement Fund. The City budgeted in fiscal year 2001/2002 for the purchase of one (1) Fire Department staff vehicle, which did not occur. The Fire Department has identified a SUV style for utilization as an incident command vehicle, and to satisfy general department load carrying requirements.

The City solicited sealed bids for two makes of vehicles from qualified vendors. One, a new Dodge Durango SLT, and the other, a new Ford Explorer XLT, both with V8, automatic, two-wheel drive, and trailer tow package. It has been determined that the Ford Explorer XLT meets the special configuration needs of the Fire Department having the ability to accommodate center console radio equipment that the Dodge Durango SLT cannot. Midway Ford Sales in Los Angeles bid the lowest price of \$26,752.91 for the Ford Explorer XLT. This price includes the 8.25% sales tax.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The funds required for the purchase of this vehicle were re-appropriated by Council at the meeting of September 24, 2002, to the Equipment Replacement Fund for the current fiscal year 2002/2003. The total cost is \$26,752.91.

Respectfully submitted,

Concur:

RUSSELL TINGLEY,  
FIRE CHIEF

STEPHEN BURRELL,  
CITY MANAGER

Fiscal Impact:

VIKI COPELAND,  
FINANCE DIRECTOR