

Monday, July 05, 2004

Honorable Mayor and Members of
The Hermosa Beach City Council

Regular meeting of
July 27th, 2004

**PURCHASE OF BULLETPROOF VESTS
FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that Council:

1. Authorize the purchase of eighteen Second Chance (18) BulletProof Vests (Body Armor).

Background

Body Armor (Bullet Proof Vest) technology has improved over the last few years making it possible to provide a higher level of protection in a lighter weight, more comfortable garment. Additionally, Body Armor has a manufacture's suggested expiration period of five years. Some of our vests will require replacement this year (FY 2004/05). The Second Chance "Monarch Summit" is the new industry standard for protection and comfort. It will afford our officers a slightly elevated level of protection while only weighing about half the amount of the current vests.

FISCAL IMPACT

The funds required for the replacement of these vests come from the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG) and were appropriated for the purpose of buying these vests in the regular council meeting of November 12,th 2003. We conducted a Request For Proposal (RFP) and received five bids. The lowest bidder had to be disqualified because their bid was for another brand of vest. None of the price quotes we received included sales tax. With these facts in mind the lowest bid is from Adamson Police Products for \$9489.06. Adding sales tax to this bid brings the total to **\$10,272.**

Respectfully submitted,

Captain Thomas Eckert
Hermosa Beach Police Department

Concur,

Stephen Burrell
City Manager

Fiscal Impact,

Viki Copeland
Finance director