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## Minutes

### BUDGET, WAGE & JOB STUDY MEETING

Woodson Terrace City Hall

May 16, 2024 – 6:45 p.m.

#### CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Budget, Wage & Job Study Committee of the City of Woodson Terrace was held on Thursday, May 16, 2024 at City Hall, 4323 Woodson Road. Chairman Greg Mills presided and called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### ROLL CALL

##### Aldermen Present

\*Donna Conlon  
\*Robert McCabe  
\*Gregory Mills (Chairman)  
\*Maryanne Zaiz  
John Belford  
Caroline Martin  
Robert Welby  
Joan Willey

##### Aldermen Absent

The \* signifies the Alderman who are on the Budget, Wage & Job Study Committee.

Also present were: Mayor Lawrence Besmer, City Administrator Doug Zaiz, Chief of Police Dominic Orlando, Finance Manager Kyla Hill, Deputy Director of Public Works Doug Hill, and members of the general public.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**March 14, 2024**

Alderman Greg Mills called for a motion for the approval of the March Minutes. Alderman Zaiz made the motion, seconded by Alderman Conlon; the Board unanimously approved minutes from the March Meeting. Motion carried.

**REQUEST FOR  
PURCHASE: Chief Orlando**

Chief Orlando brought to the floor his request for the purchase of three new vehicles. He explained that the P.D. has some aging vehicles that need to be replaced. After some research he found a lease program through Ford where 3 Ford Explorers could be purchased all at once. Most of the Police Department's other vehicles are Ford Explorers, and Chief would like to work towards the same make and model for the entire fleet.

The program would allow us to purchase three vehicles all at once, with a single monthly payment to cover all three. The lease term would be three years, and the total cost would be \$133,361.00 over the three year period. At the completion of the lease, we could then purchase the cars for \$1.00, and we could keep them until we need to replace them.

Chief then pointed out that all the Ford Explorers we own have been working great with no problems, but we have two Dodge Chargers and one Durango that have needed a lot of work to keep running. They've had problems, and cost more in repairs than we would like. By contrast the Ford Explorers have required fewer repairs, mostly general maintenance & tires.

Alderman Welby asked how long we've had the Chargers, and Chief told him that we acquired them in 2019. Welby then asked if they were bought from the Highway Patrol, and Chief responded that they were not purchased from the Highway Patrol, they were purchased new. He then explained that we used to be able to buy used cars from the Highway Patrol with only 50,000 miles on them, but now they are keeping them until they have 65,000 miles on them at which time they probably are out of warranty. The new vehicles through Ford will have a warranty on them.

Mayor Besmer asked if they will offer an extended warranty, and Chief said he will have to look into that. Alderman Mills asked what account the money would come from to make the payments. Chief responded that because it's spread out over three years, we will be able to use some funds from Prop P, and also utilize the P.D.'s vehicle budget from the general funds.

At this time Chairman Mills asked if there was any further discussion on this matter. With no further discussion he asked for a motion to recommend the purchase to the Board of Aldermen. Alderman McCabe made the motion, seconded by Alderman Welby.

The vote thereon was as follows:

Alderman Conlon	“Aye”
Alderman McCabe	“Aye”
Alderman Zaiz	“Aye”

The motion carried.

**GENERAL DISCUSSION**

Chief Orlando shared that the P.D. is still researching, and has found a couple of different companies that supply in car cameras. So far he has received one new quote, which is better than a previous quote. He is still doing research on that, and could possibly have something to bring to the June or July budget meeting.

With no further business Chairman Mills entertained a motion to adjourn. Alderman Zaiz made the motion, seconded by Alderman McCabe, and unanimously carried to adjourn at 6:52 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted,

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Kyla Hill, Finance Manager/Deputy City Clerk