



City of Sacramento City Council

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Meeting Date: 5/29/2012

Report Type: Consent

Title: Helicopter Donation

Report ID: 2012-00434

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Adopt a Motion authorizing the City Manager, or the City Manager's designee, to authorize the acceptance of a military surplus Bell OH-58 Helicopter (N991YC) donated to the Sacramento Police Department by the Yamhill County Sheriff's Department.

Contact: Stephen Quinn, Captain, Metro Operations, (916) 808-0700, Police Department.

Presenter: None

Department: Police

Division: Metro-Traffic/Air Ops

Dept ID: 11001141

Attachments:

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City Attorney Review

Approved as to Form
David Womack
5/10/2012 11:39:38 AM

City Treasurer Review

Reviewed for Impact on Cash and Debt
Russell Fehr
5/2/2012 2:21:50 PM

Approvals/Acknowledgements

Department Director or Designee: Rick Braziel - 5/9/2012 2:03:21 PM



Description/Analysis

Issue: The Sacramento Police Department (SPD) currently operates two Bell OH-58 helicopters. These helicopters were acquired through the military surplus program and were manufactured in 1970 and 1971. The Yamhill County Sheriff's Department (YCSD), which is located in Oregon, also acquired several Bell OH-58 helicopters from military surplus programs in the 1990's. The YCSD is no longer able to maintain an air operations program and was subsequently required to dispose of their helicopter. The YCSD has offered to transfer/donate one Bell OH-58 helicopter to the SPD at no cost to the City of Sacramento.

Policy Considerations: Airborne Law Enforcement services are vital to the protection and safety of the citizens and police officers of Sacramento. The helicopter donation from the YCSD is estimated to be worth approximately \$350,000 including parts. Although the SPD is specifically prohibited from selling this helicopter or any of its parts for profit, staff recommends that this donation item be considered by the City Council based upon the fact that the helicopter's monetary value exceeds the amount of \$100,000.

Environmental Considerations: This activity is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it does not constitute a "project" as defined in section 15378 of the CEQA Guidelines, and is otherwise exempt pursuant to Sections 15321(b) (law enforcement activities) and 15061(b)(3) (no significant effect on the environment) of the CEQA Guidelines.

Rationale for Recommendation: The SPD currently operates the same model Bell OH-58 aircraft as the YCSD. The acceptance of this helicopter will supplement two SPD helicopters currently in use, which will thereby extend the lives of the existing Sacramento Police aircraft as the use of each aircraft is rotational. The YCSD is also offering an extensive stock of spare helicopter parts and components, which can be used on SPD Bell OH-58 helicopters. The acceptance of the YCSD helicopter donation will not increase the flight time of the Sacramento Police Air Support but will reduce operating costs through the utilization of donated parts and components.

Financial Considerations: The YCSD has offered to transfer their Model Bell OH-58 helicopter to the SPD at no cost to the City of Sacramento. Military surplus regulations require the YCSD to either return their law enforcement-ready helicopter to the military or transfer it to another law enforcement agency. An extensive inventory of parts and aircraft components worth approximately \$350,000 is included with the transfer of this helicopter.

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD): No goods or services are being purchased as a result of this agreement.



Background

For the past 13 years, the SPD has operated an Air Support Unit. Both SPD Bell OH-58 helicopters were acquired through the military surplus program. The Air Support Unit provides services which are critical to the safety of both citizens and ground officers. In addition, the Air Support Unit increases the efficiency with which the SPD responds to emergency calls for service.

The Yamhill County Sheriff's Department (YCSD) acquired their helicopters through the military surplus program. The YCSD is eliminating their air support program. Due to specific military regulations, the YCSD must either return their helicopter to the military or transfer it to another law enforcement agency.

The YCSD helicopter has been refurbished and is operational for public safety and law enforcement use. In addition, the YCSD has an extensive inventory of useable helicopter parts and components which are valued at approximately \$350,000. These parts and components may be used for either of the two existing SPD helicopters or for the helicopter donated by the YCSD. The addition of this helicopter from the YCSD will also extend the useful life of the two current SPD helicopters and defer the cost of replacement or overhaul of components.