

# COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

TO: THE CITY COUNCIL FROM: THE CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE	DATE: March 18, 1987	NO.
SUBJECT: APPROVE PURCHASE OF 5 POLICE VEHICLES		

PREPARED BY: Assistant City Manager

RECOMMENDED ACTION: The City Council authorize the purchase of 5, 1987 Dodge Police vehicles, at a unit cost of \$10,656.89, including tax, from Swift Dodge. These funds to be taken from the General Fund Operating Reserve.

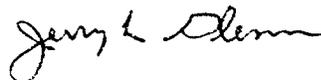
BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The last year the City purchased Police vehicles was 1983. We were able then to make a purchase of vehicles at a good price. We have been placing these vehicles in service as the need becomes apparent. We have been rebuilding vehicles since that time and have extended life expectancy to over 15,000 miles. The last of these vehicles will be placed into service this year.

We plan to include 5 vehicles in the Police budget for new cars in the 1987-88 budget. On March 3 we were notified Swift Dodge was making these cars available, which are \$560 less than Police units available from the State of California.

In addition to the cost savings, another bid attraction is that these 1987 vehicles are identical to the other Dodge Diplomats in our fleet. Therefore, we can standardize parts and in case of accident cannibalize old vehicles.

If we do not act before adoption of the 1987-88 budget, we will have to wait until early 1988 to receive favorable pricing such as this, and then will not receive vehicles until late Spring or early Summer of 1988.

Respectfully submitted,



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