

**TO:** James L. App, City Manager  
**FROM:** Lisa Solomon, Chief of Police  
**SUBJECT:** Narcotics Task Force Vehicle Replacement  
**DATE:** July 3, 2007

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**NEEDS:** For the City Council to consider replacement of unmarked detective Unit #638 outside of the established equipment replacement funding process.

- FACTS:**
1. Unit #638 is an unmarked unit assigned to the Narcotics Task Force (NTF) Detective.
  2. The City of Paso Robles has had a detective driving this vehicle over the life of its use and has been paying all costs associated with maintenance and operation during the entire time.
  3. Unit #638 was previously owned by the State Bureau of Narcotics Enforcement and transferred ownership to the City of Paso Robles earlier this calendar year.
  4. During negotiations with NTF over this issue, the Board of Governors (BOG) agreed participating agencies could petition the BOG for replacement of these vehicles through NTF asset forfeiture seizure funding, if available.
  5. PRPD has formally requested funding for the replacement of Unit #638 and has been denied at this time due to lack of funding.
  6. Unit #638 was not included in the City's replacement schedule due to the understanding that funding for replacement would continue through the asset forfeiture process.
  7. Unit #638 is seven years old, with over 145,000 miles, and is in need of replacement.
  8. The City recently received a vehicle in error that would suit our needs for this undercover assignment that came through a State bid contract.

**ANALYSIS &  
CONCLUSION:**

City Yard staff highly recommends immediate replacement due to the condition of the vehicle. There is a vehicle in hand that would meet our needs in this case. The Police Department would like to purchase the new unmarked unit utilizing anticipated salary savings. Through the newly adopted budget, the Department is allotted two (2) new sworn officer positions. The hiring process of sworn officers takes considerable time; the delay in hiring these two (2) positions will generate sufficient savings to cover the cost of this expenditure. Future replacement will be pursued through asset forfeiture funding or, if necessary, through the City's budget process.

**POLICY**

**REFERENCE:** City purchasing policy.

**FISCAL**

**IMPACT:** \$22,000 General Fund impact

**OPTIONS:**

- a. Adopt Resolution No. 07-xx authorizing the Police Department to replace Unit #638 from anticipated budgetary savings.
- b. Amend, modify, or reject the above option.

RESOLUTION NO. 07-XXX

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF PASO ROBLES APPROVING A BUDGET APPROPRIATION  
FOR REPLACEMENT OF POLICE UNIT #638

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WHEREAS, Paso Robles Police unit # 638 is assigned to the Narcotic's Task Force Detective and recently transferred ownership to the City of Paso Robles; and

WHEREAS, Police unit #638 is seven (7) years old, with over 145,000 miles, and is in dire need of replacement; and

WHEREAS, replacement of unit #638 was requested through asset forfeiture funding sources at the Narcotic's Task Force, and subsequently denied; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department will have adequate salary savings in its General Fund budget to cover the \$22,000 replacement cost of unit #638.

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles does hereby approve replacement of NTF Unit #638 in the amount of \$22,000 from the Police Department's General Fund Budget Account No. 100-210-5454-136.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Paso Robles this 3rd day of July 2007 by the following vote:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSTAIN:  
ABSENT:

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Frank R. Mecham, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Deborah Robinson, Deputy City Clerk