



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
July 24, 2018

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
 From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager
 Submitted by: Andrew R. Greenwood, Chief of Police
 Subject: Contract No. 8869 Amendment: Alameda County Auction "Auto World" for Vehicle Rental Services

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to amend Contract No. 8869 and any future amendments with Alameda County Auction "Auto World" to rent unmarked vehicles for the Police Department, increasing the contract by \$25,000 for a total not to exceed amount of \$350,000.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

There will be no fiscal impact to the General Fund because the funding for this contract is allocated from the Citizen's Options for Public Safety Fund under budget code 961-7101-420-30-38. The contract term is from August 11, 2011 through September 30, 2019.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The City of Berkeley Police Department requires the use of unmarked vehicles for vital operations to investigate crime and gather evidence for criminal cases. The rental of such vehicles is an operating expense for the Police Department and will continue to be an intrinsic part of operations due to the department's mission to prevent and solve crimes.

In order to ensure authorized staff can rent vehicles as required, the department requires uninterrupted payments to Alameda County Auction "Auto World." Failure to remit payment to Alameda County Auction will prevent the rental of unmarked vehicles. As a result, the Police Department's investigation of crimes and related prosecutions are likely to be adversely impacted.

BACKGROUND

For special operations, it is not advisable to use vehicles from the existing Police Department's fleet as these vehicles are either marked or have distinguishing license plates or other characteristics clearly identifying the vehicles as belonging to law enforcement.

Since 2008, the Police Department has rented older model and distressed vehicles for use in undercover work. Due to this vendor's relationships with law enforcement agencies, vehicles can be used for short or long-term operations and easily be exchanged in the event the vehicle is identified by offenders as a police vehicle during police operations.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

The vehicles are maintained to ensure they are operating at their peak performance to minimize the impact to the environment.

CONTACT PERSON

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Attachment:

1: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

CONTRACT NO. 8869 AMENDMENT: ALAMEDA COUNTY AUCTION "AUTO WORLD" FOR VEHICLE RENTAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Police Department is responsible for emergency response to investigations involving criminal activity within the City of Berkeley; and

WHEREAS, effective investigation of crimes involves the use of unmarked vehicles to investigate crime, locate suspects, and gather evidence for criminal cases; and

WHEREAS, the best practices indicate that more effective observation occurs when the investigators are not readily identifiable; and

WHEREAS, Alameda County Auction "Auto World" is an approved sole source that readily and efficiently provides vehicles which are not identifiable as law enforcement vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the cost for vehicle rental is established as a vital component of on-going police operations; and

WHEREAS, funds are available in the current Police Department budget in the Citizen's Options for Public Safety Fund under budget code 961-7101-420-30.38.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager is authorized to amend Contract No. 8869 and any amendments, with Alameda County Auction "Auto World" to rent/lease unmarked vehicles to the Berkeley Police Department for an amount not to exceed \$350,000 subject to the City's annual budget appropriation process.

