

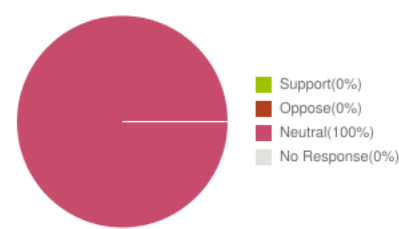
City Council Hybrid Meeting (Closed Session - 5:00 PM and Open Session - 6:00 PM)
11-28-23 17:00

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a) REPORT 23-0700 PURCHASE OF VEHICLES FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT (Public Works Director Joe SanClemente)	1	0	0	1

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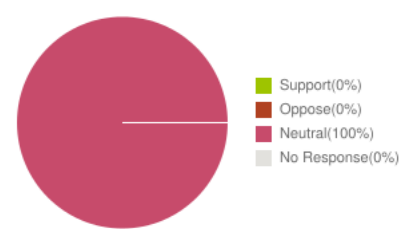
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Overall Sentiment



Tony Higgins

Location:
Submitted At: 9:06am 11-24-23

Look I'm all for funding the four new Chevy Blazer police cruisers right now if staff can prove there is an immediate public safety risk based on maintenance or service records but I don't think this has been done.

Without assigning blame the simple fact is per the staff report the purchase of these 4 police cruisers is almost 90% over budget and that warrants a hard look.

City staff is asking for a total of 420k to purchase and outfit FOUR Chevy Blazer EV police cruisers of which nearly 200k is currently unbudgeted.

PURCHASE + OUTFITTING
4 total 420k

\$105k each

PURCHASE PRICE

4 total 312k

78k each

OUTFITTING PRICE

4 total 108k

27k each

BUDGETED AMT -all

224.5k

UNBUDGETED

195.5k

87% over budget (420/224.5)

Also, HB8 has been in service for 9 years.

HB3 and HB6 are scheduled for replacement after only 5 years with this funding request.

Has any data been provided in the staff report that substantiates keeping HB8 in service for 9 years substantially degraded Hermosa Beach public safety?

If not why are HB3 & HB6 being replaced after only 5 years?

I hope someone asks if we are not better off waiting to retire HB3 and HB6 until market supply catches up with demand and brings down the present day high prices?

Also if you read the staff report hybrid police cruisers seem to be preferred over EVs in part because you would need 1 less vehicle due to the required EV charging rotation but staff is recommending purchasing EVs because of the current shortage of hybrid police cruisers.

Also, while it's true that 4EVs are coming in and only 3 are exiting the fleet (HB3, HB8, HB6) the net vehicles gain is ZERO because of the charging rotation.

So the implication in the staff report that this purchase will somehow help provide vehicles to the 5 new recruits should be taken with a grain of salt.

And this likely dovetails with another festering problem.

That is, city staff and the police department have refused to purchase the meter-maid vehicles needed for mobile tire chalking and that has prevented enforcement of 1hr parking zones in residential neighborhoods and exacerbated resident parking shortages over the past 5 years.

Why is that not budgeted now also?

How long is the city going to turn a blind-eye to the HBPD inability to efficiently and effectively enforce these 1hr zones in residential neighborhoods?

The council wrings its hands over the lack of peak season parking in restricted residential zones, lambasts residents for not using their own garages for off-street parking, raises fees to encourage off-street parking but refused to address the inability to enforce the existing 1hr zones just exacerbating the peak season parking shortages.

But I guess it's pretty hard for the police department to ask for mobile chalking vehicles when they are already

90% over budget on the 4 police cruisers.