



# CITY COUNCIL AGENDA STATEMENT



**March 17, 2020**

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## **TITLE**

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA WAIVING THE COMPETITIVE FORMAL BID REQUIREMENT AND APPROVING PURCHASE WITH MBF INDUSTRIES, INC. TO UPGRADE THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S MOBILE COMMAND POST

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Council adopt the resolution.

## **SUMMARY**

Due to obsolete technology in the Police Department's Mobile Command Post, the Police Department is requesting the original manufacturer, MBF Industries Inc., to update the vehicle with new technology.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

The Director of Development Services has reviewed the proposed activity for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and has determined that the activity is not a "Project" as defined under Section 15378 of the State CEQA Guidelines because it will not result in a physical change in the environment; therefore, pursuant to Section 15060(c)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines, the activity is not subject to CEQA. Thus, no environmental review is required.

## **BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

Not applicable.

## **DISCUSSION**

Using grant funds, the Police Department was able to acquire a Mobile Command Post in 2011 from MBF Industries, Inc. The Mobile Command Post is a vital piece of equipment used by Police personnel to communicate, coordinate and plan during critical incidents. The Command Post has also been used for special events, DUI checkpoints, crime scene management and for public relations events.

The Mobile Command Post has experienced extensive use over the past nine years. However, the technology from 2011 has become obsolete. To keep up with the emerging trends of technology, the Police Department is requesting to upgrade its Mobile Command Post.

Because MBF Industries is the original manufacturer, the Police Department is requesting to waive the competitive formal bid requirement and approve a purchase order with MBF Industries to provide the Mobile Command Post upgrades. The Police Department developed a positive working relationship with MBF Industries during the original purchase in 2011. Additionally, the Department is currently working with MBF Industries to purchase a SWAT equipment truck. Furthermore, the vendor already has the vehicle's schematics, which provides them a great understanding of the vehicle's infrastructure when removing and replacing equipment. The Police Department believes that this company is experienced and staffed in a manner such that they can deliver the services required to meet the Department's needs.

Police Department staff made efforts to reach out to several local and state vendors to seek quotes for the technology upgrade. No other vendors could furnish the services needed to upgrade the Mobile Command Post. The estimated cost received from MBF Industries to upgrade the Command Post is \$168,068.

#### **DECISION-MAKER CONFLICT**

Staff has reviewed the decision contemplated by this action and has determined that it is not site-specific and consequently, the real property holdings of the City Council members do not create a disqualifying real property-related financial conflict of interest under the Political Reform Act (Cal. Gov't Code § 87100, et seq.).

Staff is not independently aware, and has not been informed by any City Council member, of any other fact that may constitute a basis for a decision-maker conflict of interest in this matter.

#### **CURRENT-YEAR FISCAL IMPACT**

Approval of this resolution will approve a purchase with MBF Industries, Inc. in the amount of \$161,068. This one-time cost has already been included in the capital category of the Police Grants Section of the Federal Grants Fund, resulting in no net fiscal impact to the General Fund.

#### **ONGOING FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no ongoing fiscal impact with this one-time purchase.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

None.

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