



**POLICE DEPARTMENT ITEM  
FOR  
COUNCIL AGENDA**

1. Agenda Item Number:

**15**

2. Council Meeting Date:  
August 13, 2015

TO: **MAYOR & COUNCIL**

3. Date Prepared: July 20, 2015

THROUGH: **ACTING CITY MANAGER**

4. Requesting Department: Police

5. **SUBJECT:** Purchase of Survival Armor ballistic vests

6. **RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends City Council approve expenditure of allocated funds for the purchase of Survival Armor ballistic vests from Skaggs Public Safety Uniforms & Equipment in an amount not to exceed \$216,320.00.

7. **BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:** In 2010, the City Council approved the purchase of 256 pieces of body armor for the replacement of the ballistic vests worn by officers. The vests have a five-year lifespan and are reaching the end of their useful life. It is critical to officer safety that we take delivery of and issue the new vests prior to the expiration of the currently deployed vests.

To ensure the delivery and deployment of our new vests prior to the expiration of the current vests in September and October of 2015, the FY 15-16 budget approved by City Council on June 11, 2015 anticipated and included funding for the replacement of the 256 ballistic vests. Due to the long lead time it takes to manufacture, deliver, fit, and finalize delivery, the vests needed to be ordered prior to the expiration of the currently deployed vests, a date that preceded the Council approval of the budget expenditure for the items. Due to the length of time it would take to obtain the vests, and facing a vest expiration deadline in September, we inadvertently failed to request authorization from Council to spend the vest funds previously approved in the FY 15-16 budget. Therefore, we are requesting retroactive approval from City Council to expend the allocated ballistic vest replacement funds approved in the budget.

8. **EVALUATION:** In 2010 the Police Department conducted a testing and evaluation process to select the ballistic vest products meeting heightened requirements set by the National Institute of Justice. Following testing, Survival Armor was selected as the most suitable replacement vests. At the time of the vest testing, East Valley Uniform, now Skaggs Public Safety Uniforms & Equipment, was the sole distributor for Survival Armor, and replacement vests have been ordered from Skaggs Public Safety Uniforms & Equipment.

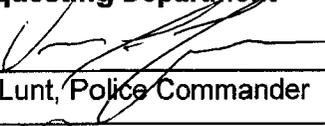
9. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:** Funding for the Survival Armor ballistic vests is available in the amount of \$216,320.00 in account 101-2030-5314.5EQP (General Fund – Field Operations – Safety Supplies - SB1398 Officer Safety Equipment)

10. **PROPOSED MOTION:** Move City Council approve expenditure of allocated funds for the purchase of Survival Armor ballistic vests from Skaggs Public Safety Uniforms & Equipment in an amount not to exceed \$216,320.00.

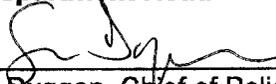
**ATTACHMENTS:** None

**APPROVALS**

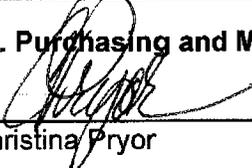
**11. Requesting Department**

  
Vance Lunt, Police Commander

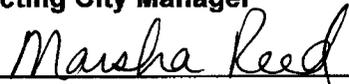
**13. Department Head**

  
Sean Duggan, Chief of Police

**12. Purchasing and Materials Manager**

  
Christina Pryor

**14. Acting City Manager**

  
Marsha Reed