

MINUTES
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE VALDOSTA CITY COUNCIL
5:30 P.M., THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 2023
CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS

OPENING CEREMONIES

Mayor Matheson called the Special Called Meeting of the Valdosta City Council to order at 5:30 p.m. Council members present were: Thomas McIntyre, Andy Gibbs, Sandra Tooley, Eric Howard, Tim Carroll, Ben Norton, and Vivian Miller-Cody. The invocation was given by Councilman Ben Norton.

BIDS, CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS AND EXPENDITURES

Consideration of bids for ten Dodge Charger Pursuit Vehicles for the Police Department (Bid No. 06-22-23).

Police Chief Leslie Manahan stated that the Valdosta Police Department has \$400,000 in the approved 2024 Motor Pool Budget for the purchase of ten pursuit vehicles. These vehicles will replace old vehicles that have completed their life cycle due to age, maintenance issues, and functionality. This is a yearly line item each Budget year so the old vehicles can be rotated out and sold as surplus on Gov Deals once the new vehicles arrive. Over the past couple of years, supply chain issues have made the purchasing of vehicles complex and more expensive from year to year. Thinking forward, Bid No. 06-22-23 for pursuit vehicles had a stipulation in the bid specifications allowing the City to purchase additional units (piggyback on original bid) until June 30, 2023 at the same price from the original approval on September 22, 2022 by Mayor and Council. The new vehicles will be configured identical to past purchases and utilize 2024 funding. The current vehicles to be replaced which Council approved in the 2024 Budget are as follows: (1) Item #0378, 2012 Dodge Charger (102,700 miles), (2) Item #0362, 2010 Ford Crown Vic (139,476 miles), (3) Item #0363, 2010 Ford Crown Vic (155,043 miles), (4) Item #0365, 2010 Ford Crown Vic (81,282 miles), (5) Item #0366, 2010 Ford Crown Vic (151,412 miles), (6) Item #0368, 2010 Ford Crown Vic (142,592 miles), (7) Item #0369, 2010 Ford Crown Vic (144,550 miles), (8) Item #0370, 2010 Ford Crown Vic (155,610 miles), (9) Item #0371, 2010 Ford Crown Vic (125,000 miles), and (10) Item #0372, 2010 Ford Mustang (114,449 miles). The original sealed bids were opened on September 13, 2022 and awarded to Cass Burch by Mayor and Council in the amount of \$39,977 each which was the low bid meeting specification. Chief Manahan asked Council's consideration in approving the use of the "additional unit clause" in the original bid (Bid No. 06-22-23 Pursuit Vehicles) to purchase the same configured unit at the same price that was paid in 2022 utilizing the 2024 Motor Pool Budget.

A MOTION by Councilman Carroll, seconded by Councilman McIntyre, was unanimously adopted (7-0) to approve the request to purchase ten Dodge Charger Pursuit Vehicles for the Police Department from Cass Burch in the amount of \$399,770 and place the order before June 30, 2023.

Consideration of bids for five Dodge Administrative Vehicles for the Police Department (Bid No. 07-22-23).

Police Chief Leslie Manahan stated that the Police Department has \$200,000 in the approved 2024 Motor Pool Budget for the purchase of five Administrative vehicles. These include one for Administration, one for Support, and three for Investigations. The new vehicles will replace old vehicles that have completed their life cycle due to age, maintenance issues, and functionality. This is a yearly line item each Budget year so the old vehicles can be rotated out and sold as surplus on Gov Deals once the new vehicles arrive. Over the past couple of years, supply chain issues have made the purchasing of vehicles complex and more expensive from year to year. Thinking forward, Bid No. 07-22-23 for Administrative vehicles had a stipulation in the bid specifications allowing the City to purchase additional units (piggyback on original bid) until June 30, 2023 at the same price from the original approval on September 22, 2022 by Mayor and Council. The new vehicles will be configured identical to past purchases and utilize 2024 funding. The current vehicles to be replaced which Council approved in the 2024 Budget are as follows: (1) Item #0034, 2007 Ford Crown Vic (146,896 miles), (2) Item #0319, 2006 Ford Crown Vic (178,168 miles), (3) Item #0313, 2006 Ford Crown Vic (109,984 miles), (4) Item #0342, 2008 Ford Crown Vic (156,683 miles), and (5) Item #0355, 2010 Ford Crown Vic (91,898 miles). The original sealed bids were opened

on September 13, 2022 and awarded to Cass Burch by Mayor and Council in the amount of \$37,917 each which was the low bid meeting specification. Chief Manahan asked Council's consideration in approving the use of the "additional unit clause" in the original bid (Bid No. 07-22-23 Administrative Vehicles) to purchase the same configured unit at the same price that was paid in 2022 utilizing the 2024 Motor Pool Budget.

A **MOTION** by Councilman Gibbs, seconded by Councilman Howard, was unanimously adopted (7-0) to approve the request to purchase five Dodge Administrative Vehicles for the Police Department from Cass Burch in the amount of \$189,585 and place the order before June 30, 2023.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

There were no citizens to be heard.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Richard Hardy, City Manager, stated that on Thursday, June 22, 2023, the Bougie Flea Market will hold an event at Unity Park from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. with live music, a food truck, beer and wine sponsored by Jessie's Eats and Treats, and 25 Art and Vintage vendors.

The Margaritaval Beach Party will be held on Friday, July 7, 2023 at Unity Park from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Also, on Saturday, July 22, 2023, there will be Christmas in July from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Downtown area.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilwoman Miller-Cody inquired as to whether the Department Heads are allowed to talk to the Mayor and Council. Richard Hardy, City Manager, stated that if the Mayor and Council would like to reach out to the Department Heads they are allowed so talk to anyone.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Matheson entertained a motion for adjournment.

A **MOTION** by Councilman Carroll, seconded by Councilman Norton, was unanimously adopted (7-0) to adjourn the June 21, 2023 Special Called Meeting of the Valdosta City Council at 5:38 p.m. to meet again in Regular Session on Thursday, July 6, 2023.

City Clerk, City of Valdosta

Mayor, City of Valdosta