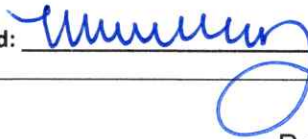


TOWN COUNCIL MEASURE SUBMITTAL

Date: 06/07/2023	Submitted by: Town Manager	Telephone # 508-699-0100
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MEASURE DESCRIPTION:

Re-appropriation of Police Cruiser Capital Funds for the Purchase of Police Motorcycles

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PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION:

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Purpose: The purpose of this request is to re-appropriate existing funding and replacing aging police motorcycles is to ensure the safety and effectiveness of law enforcement operations within Town. By allocating resources towards acquiring new motorcycles, we aim to enhance the capabilities of our police force, improve response times, and maintain a high level of public safety and security.

Justification:

1. **Officer Safety:** The primary justification for funding and replacing aging police motorcycles is to prioritize officer safety. The current motorcycles were purchased in 2005, and as motorcycles age, they may become less reliable, leading to increased maintenance issues and potential safety hazards. By investing in new motorcycles, we provide officers with modern, well-maintained vehicles equipped with the latest safety features, ensuring their well-being during patrols, pursuits, and emergency responses.
2. **Enhanced Mobility and Response Times:** New police motorcycles offer improved mobility and agility, enabling officers to navigate through congested areas, narrow streets, and difficult terrains more effectively. This enhanced maneuverability translates into quicker response times to emergencies, accidents, and crime scenes. By investing in modern motorcycles, we enable our police force to provide prompt assistance and enhance public safety in a more efficient manner.

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4. Reliability and Reduced Maintenance Costs: Aging motorcycles are more prone to mechanical breakdowns and require frequent and costly repairs. The associated maintenance costs can strain the budget and divert resources that could be allocated to other critical areas. By funding the replacement of aging motorcycles, we ensure the availability of reliable vehicles with reduced maintenance requirements, leading to lower long-term operational costs and better utilization of limited resources.
5. Technological Advancements: New police motorcycles often come equipped with advanced technology and features that improve officer efficiency and effectiveness. These advancements can include integrated communication systems, GPS tracking, enhanced lighting and sirens, and improved fuel efficiency. By investing in modern motorcycles, we provide our officers with the tools they need to perform their duties more effectively, leading to increased productivity and better outcomes in law enforcement operations.
6. Long-Term Cost Savings: While funding the replacement of aging police motorcycles requires an initial investment, it can lead to long-term cost savings. Newer motorcycles often have improved fuel efficiency, reducing ongoing fuel expenses. Additionally, their enhanced reliability and reduced maintenance needs result in lower repair and maintenance costs over time. Considering the long-term benefits and cost savings, investing in new motorcycles becomes a financially prudent decision.

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In summary, funding and replacing aging police motorcycles serve the purpose of prioritizing officer safety, enhancing mobility and response times, improving community policing efforts, reducing maintenance costs, incorporating technological advancements, and achieving long-term cost savings. By making this investment, we demonstrate our commitment to the safety and well-being of our officers, while also ensuring effective law enforcement operations and maintaining public trust in the police force.

Therefore, I respectfully request that the Town Council vote to re-appropriate \$72,495 from the following accounts:

M2023-034 Cruiser Replacement \$20,128.67

M2021-065 Cruiser Replacement \$52,366.33

Both M2023-034 and M2021-065 are funded by Free Cash from their respective years as indicated in the measure number.

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