

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

13-0617R

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH CUSHMAN MOTOR COMPANY, INC., FOR THE TAX-EXEMPT PURCHASE OF ONE (1) 2014 WESTWARD INDUSTRIES INTERCEPTOR IV THREE-WHEEL MOTOR VEHICLE FOR THE DULUTH POLICE DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,507.

CITY PROPOSAL:

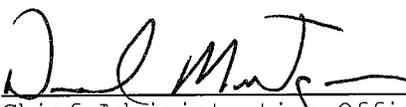
RESOLVED, that the proper city officials are hereby authorized to contract with Cushman Motor Company, Inc., for the tax-exempt purchase and delivery of one (1) 2014 Westward Industries Interceptor IV three-wheel motor vehicle, based on the vendor's quote of \$25,507, dated November 18, 2013, terms net 30, FOB destination, and payable from Parking Fund 505, Public Administration 015, Parking Meters and Enforcement 1481, Capital Equipment 5580.

Approved:



Department Director
Purchasing Agent 

Approved for presentation to council:



Chief Administrative Officer

Approved as to form:



Attorney

Approved:



Auditor

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This resolution authorizes the tax-exempt purchase of one (1) 2014 Westward Industries Interceptor IV three-wheel motorized vehicle from Cushman Motor Company, Inc., for \$25,507. This vehicle will replace parking enforcement vehicle unit 9016 (a three-wheeled motorized vehicle).

The Duluth police department seeks to add a three-wheel motorized vehicle to its parking enforcement fleet. After much research, they found that the only similar

(size, specifications) vehicles located were electric powered vehicles. A majority of these had an estimated range of 30-40 miles per charge in optimum conditions (warm temperatures, flat terrain, etc). One found to have a range of 60 miles per charge had a base price of \$35,000.00+ (the Firefly ESV manufactured in Fort Worth, Texas) and is fairly new to the market.

The parking monitors prefer using the 3-wheel motorized vehicles to small cars for the following reasons:

- (a) The 3-wheelers get much better traction in snowy conditions and are able to traverse the side streets (going uphill) much easier than the small front-wheel drive cars.
- (b) When driving cars, the monitors must park and then walk several blocks to issue tickets. When driving three-wheelers, they are able to issue tickets while staying in the vehicle which saves time and eliminates the equipment (handhelds, etc.) from exposure to the elements.
- (c) Driving the three-wheelers allow much better maneuverability through traffic (especially during summer in the downtown and Canal Park areas).

Cushman Motor Company, Inc., is located in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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