

CITY OF HOBART BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY

Resolution No. 2016-02

**A Resolution Authorizing the Acquisition of Ten (10)
Police Patrol Cars by the City as a “Special Purchase”**

WHEREAS, the Board of Public Works and Safety (“Board”), City of Hobart, Indiana (“City”) is the purchasing agency for the City pursuant to §31.004(A) of the Municipal Code of the City of Hobart enacted pursuant to the authority of I.C. §5-22-4-5(a); and

WHEREAS, the Board, as the City’s purchasing agency, has all of the powers and duties authorized under I.C. §5-22; and

WHEREAS, the Board has been informed by the Hobart Police Department (“Department”) that its current fleet of police vehicles include at least ten (10) police cars which, due to age, wear and tear, and the likelihood of increased maintenance costs, must be replaced in the near future; and

WHEREAS, the Board has received information obtained by the Police Department that Thomas Dodge Chrysler-Jeep of Highland, Indiana currently has quoted a purchase price to the City of ten (10) new police sedans, 2016 model year Dodge Charger All-Wheel Drive (AWD) vehicles, with 5.7 liter V-8 engines with standard Dodge police equipment for the price of \$24,377.00 per vehicle; and

WHEREAS, the Board has requested the City Attorney and the staff of the Police Department to review the purchasing statutes and laws of the City of Hobart and the State of Indiana and the cost of police vehicles to determine whether said vehicles can be obtained profitably by the City, with special savings to the tax payers, without competitive bidding, as a special purchase allowed by law; and

WHEREAS, the State of Indiana has a QPA (Quality Police Car Purchase Agreement) program. The Board is informed that the QPA price is a bid price obtained by and contracted to the State of Indiana every three years. Hobart Police staff obtained the QPA price for the same or substantially similar Dodge patrol car which is \$25,188.25, \$811.25 more per unit than the Thomas price; and

WHEREAS, the City Attorney has advised the Board that, because the cost of said police vehicles appears to be lower than that otherwise available without bid through the QPA program, a unique opportunity for savings exist to the tax payers of the City by purchasing the vehicles offered through Thomas; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes that were the ten (10) patrol cars now offered by Thomas Dodge Chrysler-Jeep of Highland, Inc. purchased or leased, their acquisition would

allow the City of Hobart a unique opportunity to obtain such vehicles at a substantial savings to the City; and

WHEREAS, the Board, having obtained the foregoing information, and desiring to authorize said special purchase now makes the following findings of fact and orders and desires to spread same upon the public record.

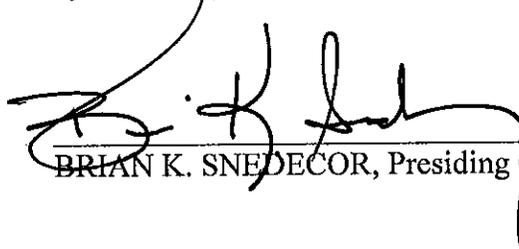
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Hobart, Indiana, that:

1. The Board now finds that:
 - a. The City of Hobart Police Department fleet requires the acquisition of ten (10) new patrol cars to replace a similar number of units in its aging fleet; and
 - b. In order to encourage as much competition in the acquisition of squad cars as is practicable, the Police Department has made inquiry of manufacturers and suppliers of police patrol vehicles for the purpose of obtaining the best available price. The results of these inquiries are as follows: the State of Indiana QPA price for a new 2016 Dodge Charger AWD Police Pursuit rated vehicle is \$25,188.25. This is for a 3.6 liter V-8 engine equipped vehicle; and
 - c. Thomas Dodge offers the same vehicle with a larger, 5.7 liter V-8 engine for a purchase price of \$24,377.00. No other vehicle manufacturers offer squad cars of comparable equipment at such a favorable price; and
 - d. The QPA is in excess of the per unit price quoted by Thomas Dodge Chrysler-Jeep of Highland, Inc. for a vehicle that has better equipment (the 5.7 liter V-8 engine) than the QPA-quoted vehicle. Based on these facts, the Board concludes that the Thomas price amounts to a discount off the established QPA price for governmental entities sufficient to support a special purchase pursuant to the provisions of I.C. §5-22-10-12; and
 - e. The Board finds that the ten (10) Dodge Chargers offered by Thomas at a cost per unit of \$24,377.00, said price being considerably below the QPA price, and including all necessary police equipment, should be purchased as a “Special Purchase” pursuant to I.C. §§5-22-10-5 and 12, and other statutes of the State of Indiana, without bid.
2. Based on the foregoing findings, the Board now orders and directs that the 2016 Dodge Charger Police AWD 5.7l V-8 vehicles, ten (10) in number, offered by Thomas Dodge Chrysler-Jeep of Highland, Inc. be purchased at the unit price per vehicle stated above for a total purchase price of \$243,770.00. The acquisition of said vehicles at such price is a “qualified special purchase” pursuant to I.C. §§5-22-10-5 and 12, and may proceed without competitive bidding, because, the Board concludes, there exists the unique opportunity to obtain said equipment at a substantial savings to the City.

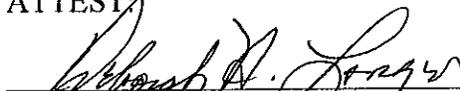
3. The staff of the Clerk-Treasurer has surveyed available lease financing options by a number of financial institutions. The lowest lease offer was by U.S. Bancorp Government Leasing and Finance, Inc. (USBGLF) at the rate of 1.6645% per annum over 48 months with payments of \$64,055.57 annually, in advance, total of lease payments to be \$256,222.28 on principal of \$250,000.00. The Board determines that these lease terms are within a reasonable range for municipal borrowing for equipment of this type, and accept the terms of said lease as an addition to the proposed contract for the purchase pursuant to I.C. §5-22-7.3-12, it being the determination of the Board that the addition of such lease to the contract of acquisition of this equipment is not prejudicial to the interest of the City or to fair competition. Accordingly, the Board authorizes said lease for the acquisition of the vehicles. At the end of said lease, upon payment of the sum of \$1.00 for each vehicle, the City will assume ownership of same.

4. The Board directs the officials of the City to carry out the acquisition by lease authorized by this Resolution forthwith, and to document said transaction in the manner required by law. In particular, pursuant to the provision of I.C. §5-22-10 the staff of the Police Department shall maintain all pertinent contract records for the special purchase authorized by this Resolution in a separate file. This Resolution, and the findings and conclusions stated therein, shall constitute the written determination of the purchasing agency of the City for this special purchase and the selection of a particular contractor. In addition, the acquisition and lease authorized herein shall be included in the City's record listing of all contracts made as special purchases under I.C. §5-22-10 for a minimum of five (5) years. Such record must contain each contractor's name, the amount and type of each contract, and a description of the equipment purchased under each.

ALL OF WHICH IS ADOPTED as the Resolution of the City of Hobart Board of Public Works & Safety on this 20th day of January, 2016


BRIAN K. SNEDECOR, Presiding Officer:

ATTEST:


DEBORAH A. LONGGER, Clerk-Treasurer