

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA TOPIC

Resolution authorizing execution of an agreement with Braun Northwest, Inc. to purchase one replacement Bomb Squad Support Vehicle in the amount to not exceed \$530,354, plus all applicable taxes.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**ACTION**

This Resolution authorizes execution of an agreement with Braun Northwest, Inc. to purchase one replacement Bomb Squad Support Vehicle for the Bellevue Police Department in 2027.

RECOMMENDATION

Move to adopt Resolution No. 10661

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

The Bellevue Police Department serves a population of more than 155,000 community members in a 33-square mile area, with over 206 budgeted commissioned officers and 50 professional personnel. They provide professional police services to all residents, businesses and visitors of Bellevue, the fifth largest city in Washington, and strive to serve the community with respect, integrity, accountability and service.

The Bomb Squad Support Vehicle is a specialized public safety asset that protects Bellevue residents, critical infrastructure, and the surrounding communities served through mutual aid. Equipped with a mobile command center, elevated Night Scan camera system, and remotely operated bomb robot, the vehicle enables responders to safely assess and mitigate explosive threats while keeping personnel out of harm's way. Its advanced communications, reconnaissance, and command capabilities improve coordination during complex incidents, major public events, and emergency responses.

This purchase will utilize an interlocal agreement between the City of Bellevue and the Houston Galveston Area Council (HGAC) that has a contract in place to purchase from Braun Northwest, Inc. The city has benefitted from this cooperative purchasing arrangement for many years as it is a large consortium of public agencies and consequently obtains very competitive pricing.

POLICY & FISCAL IMPACTS

Policy Impact

Bellevue City Code

- BCC 4.28 provides for the fair and equitable treatment of all persons involved in the purchasing process. Council approval is required to award the bid where the cost exceeds \$350,000.
- BCC 4.28.150 authorizes the Director of Finance and Asset Management to join cooperative purchase agreements with other public agencies, cooperatives or consortiums when it would be in the best interest of the city.

Bellevue Comprehensive Plan

- Community Safety: NH-10. Ensure police, fire and emergency services provide high levels of public safety that respond to growth and changing community needs.

Fiscal Impact

This agreement authorizes staff to obligate the city to pay \$530,354, plus applicable taxes, for the purchase of one Bomb Squad Support Vehicle to be delivered in 2027.

The source funding for the purchase is the Mechanical Equipment Rental Fund (MERF) replacement account. This expenditure is planned, and sufficient funds have been reserved as is required by the MERF Policy for the purchase. Funds received from the surplus sale of the equipment being replaced will be deposited into the MERF replacement account for future replacement needs.

OPTIONS

1. Adopt the Resolution authorizing execution of an agreement with Braun Northwest, Inc. to purchase one replacement Bomb Squad Support Vehicle in the amount to not exceed \$530,354, plus all applicable taxes.
2. Do not adopt the Resolution and provide alternative direction to staff.

ATTACHMENTS

Proposed Resolution No. 10661

AVAILABLE IN COUNCIL LIBRARY

Purchase agreement documents between City of Bellevue and Braun Northwest, Inc.