

## RESPONSES TO COUNCIL QUESTIONS REGARDING 10/27/15 AGENDA

### Consent Items:

#### Item 1.D.

The report says that the sedans are overweight once fully loaded with two officers. I was under the impression that our officers usually patrol with a single officer per sedan. Am I mistaken?

**Staff Response:** You are correct that the standard unit has one officer. However DPS is employing an accelerated hiring program and currently has 17 candidates in training. Once the new personnel are on board, this will necessitate that approximately 40-50 percent of in-service units will have two occupants as part of the training program. Additionally the units are used for prisoner transport and two officers accompany all prisoner transports.

Also, how many years (roughly) did we operate the vehicles that would be replaced by this purchase?

**Staff Response:** On average a patrol unit remains in service between five and six years.

Finally, is there an impact to the long-term maintenance cost of the vehicles by going with the utility vehicles instead of the sedans? The fiscal impact didn't address maintenance.

**Staff Response:** Staff anticipates that the life cycle maintenance cost difference between the sedan and utility vehicle will be modest as the two units were designed to utilize many of the same components. The ground clearance is higher on the utility vehicle which will help reduce the risk of underbody damage thereby reducing maintenance costs. In terms of fuel economy, the curb weight of the utility vehicle is greater so its fuel mileage is approximately four miles per gallon less than the sedan which equates to approximately \$800 per year in increased fuel costs. When all sedans are converted to utility vehicles, this will be an additional cost of approximately \$15,000 annually. However, it should be noted that the utility vehicle is more fuel efficient than the Crown Victoria, the vehicle that we are ultimately replacing.

### Public Hearing/General Business:

#### Item #2

Who called for the review?

**Staff Response:** The project was called up for Council review by Councilmembers Whittum and Meyering.

#### Item #4

Some providers rent a one-room office where they practice massage, sometimes shared by several providers. Would it take two PSOs a full hour to inspect a one-room office annually?

If not, could a lower fee be provided for a one-room massage location while still achieving full cost recovery?

**Staff Response:** The formula for inspections is two half-hour inspections per year times two PSOs. This formula resulted from a discussion with the Captain of the Crime Investigations unit. This is for a site inspection that includes verification that the massage establishment permit is up to date, that all therapists are certified by CAMTC and on record on the permit (safe for employees) and that the establishment is generally in compliance with Municipal Code requirements (clean and sanitary, safe for consumers)

Based on the above, since the majority of officer time is spent on owner compliance, full cost recovery would still require half an hour of PSO time per inspection.

To relieve the cost burden on the providers described in this question, it is permissible for several therapists sharing one small office to register as one massage establishment and share the fee.

Are massage chairs allowed by the proposed ordinance?

**Staff Response:** In the first writing of the proposed ordinance, massage chairs were not mentioned. The City Attorney is preparing a revision to the proposed ordinance that addresses this which will be forwarded to Council.