Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

Meeting Date: June 3, 2014
Prepared By/Phone Number: Tracy J Miller, 512.854.6923
Elected/Appointed Official/Dept. Head: Sheriff Greg Hamilton
Commissioners Court Sponsor:

AGENDA LANGUAGE:
Consider and approve acceptance into the Travis County vehicle fleet a seized Tahoe to be utilized by the Travis County Sheriff's Office in law enforcement operations.

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF REQUEST AND ATTACHMENTS:
In February 2011, Travis County Sheriff's VICE Unit arrested a suspected narcotics trafficker driving a 2004 Chevrolet Tahoe. The TCSO VICE Unit impounded the vehicle and requested the District Attorney's Office to assist with the seizure.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:
Vehicle maintenance paid by TCSO funding.

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS:
Sheriff Greg Hamilton, TCSO, 512.854.9788
Major Darren Long, TCSO, 512.854.9759
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To: Honorable Sam Biscoe, County Judge
Honorable Ron Davis, Precinct One Commissioner
Honorable Bruce Todd, Precinct Two Commissioner
Honorable Gerald Daugherty, Precinct Three Commissioner
Honorable Margaret Gomez, Precinct Four Commissioner

From: Al LeBlanc, Lieutenant AL 896

Reference: Acceptance of a Seized 2004 Chevrolet Tahoe, Texas License Plate: [redacted]

On 02-18-11, the Travis County Sheriff's Office Vice Unit arrested a suspected narcotics trafficker. During the incident, the arrested person was in a 2004 Chevrolet Tahoe automobile. It was subsequently learned that the vehicle was paid for. It was later learned the person paid $10,300.00 cash for the vehicle just 13 days prior to his arrest. It was believed the person purchased the vehicle with monies he earned from the illegal sale of narcotics. The TCSO Vice Unit impounded the vehicle and requested the Travis County District Attorney's Office assist with the seizure.

On 05-12-11, the 147th District Court awarded the 2004 Chevrolet Tahoe to TCSO and provided TCSO with an Agreed Judgment – Chapter 59, Cause No. [redacted]

TNR Fleet Manager Mike Joyce has agreed to accept the vehicle into the Travis County Fleet. TCSO will bear the cost of maintenance for the 2004 Chevrolet Tahoe.

We request the Court accept the 2004 Chevrolet Tahoe as county property and allow TCSO to utilize it for undercover surveillance and Vice related crimes.

We appreciate the continued support of the Commissioner's Court in our endeavors to serve all of the citizens of Travis County.

cc: Greg Hamilton, Sheriff
Doug Teague, Vice Sergeant