To: Mayor and City Council
From: Mark W. Herder, Chief of Police
SUBJECT: RESOLUTION: PURCHASE OF ONE (1) PARKING ENFORCEMENT VEHICLE (PUR 04-121)

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a resolution approving findings and authorizing the replacement purchase of one (1) parking enforcement vehicle through the City of Merced's Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with Municipal Maintenance Equipment, Inc., in the amount of $28,097.97.

DISCUSSION

Background

The proposed vehicle will replace a 1994 model GO-4 3-wheel parking enforcement vehicle. The present unit has approximately 47,000 miles on the odometer and suffers from major steering, suspension, and electrical problems which prohibit continued daily use. Additionally, replacement parts are becoming difficult to obtain as these units have been completely redesigned since this unit was manufactured.

The new unit will be utilized by Police Department personnel for parking enforcement and funeral escort.

Present Situation

Participation in cooperative purchasing programs with other public entities that have gone through the bid processes not only provides cost savings by means of purchasing volume but also reduces staff time in developing bid specifications, or hiring an outside consultant to write and review all bids, and conducting the bid process.

Findings

Stockton Municipal Code Section 3-105 (D) provides for an exception to the competitive bidding requirements in cases where the City Council has approved findings which support and justify the purchase via a cooperative purchasing agreement.
Proposed findings to support this purchase are as follows:

1) The City of Merced has established a cooperative purchase agreement for the purchase of parking enforcement vehicles.

2) The City of Merced established this cooperative purchase agreement pursuant to a competitive bidding process.

3) The bid specification used by the City of Merced has been assessed as compatible to the City of Stockton standards.

Financial Summary

Sufficient funds are available in the Fleet Internal Service Fund Account No. 501-5060-670.80-02 for this replacement purchase.

Respectfully submitted,

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CHIEF OF POLICE

APPROVED BY CITY MANAGER

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