

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Sam Webb, Fleet Superintendent

DATE: January 20, 2026

SUBJECT: **Recommendation to Purchase Three (3) Replacement Vehicles for the Police Department**

Request

Approve the resolution for the purchase of three (3) replacement vehicles for the Police Department.

Background

The 2026 budget contains funding for three replacement vehicles for the Police Department. Of these three, one is assigned to the Deputy Chief and two are assigned to Patrol. The proposed replacement vehicles are requested to be hybrid gasoline-electric models and will replace one gasoline only unit and two hybrid units.

Presently, a total of 14 hybrid gasoline-electric Ford Utility Police Interceptors have been placed into the Patrol Fleet, with one new hybrid unit that was received in 2025 scheduled for upfitting. These vehicles have proven to be reliable and have lived up to fuel economy expectations with a 65% increase in miles per gallon of fuel over the non-hybrid version.

The following chart shows the vehicles that are requested for replacement. These vehicles will remain in service until meeting replacement requirements and will be requested for disposal at a later date.

Unit	Year	Make/ Model/ Desc	Current Mileage
334 (Deputy Chief)	2016	Ford/ Taurus/ Sedan	102,990
356 (Patrol)	2021	Ford/ PIU/ Hybrid	86,603
361 (Patrol)	2020	Ford/ PIU/ Hybrid	96,932

This request supports the City of Wheaton Strategic Plan 2021-2025 Strategic Priority #3 (Responsive and Efficient Services) and Strategic Priority #5 (Environmental Sustainability) by providing vehicles that help sustain vital City services, by reducing fossil fuel use, and by decreasing air pollution.

Joint Purchase

The City is a member of the Northwest Municipal Conference ("NWMC"), a corporate organization representing municipalities and townships located within the State of Illinois and Counties of Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, and McHenry. The City participates in the NWMC Suburban Purchasing Cooperative ("SPC"), which permits local governments to purchase commodities and services according to contracts negotiated by the NWMC, resulting in savings for the City. The requested replacement vehicles are available for purchase from Currie Motors Frankfort in Frankfort, Illinois, using competitively bid SPC



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contract #204. Procurement has reviewed SPC contract #204 to ensure compliance with the competitive bid process to solicit, evaluate, and award cooperative purchasing contracts for goods and services.

Budget Impact

The total budgeted amount for the combined purchase and upfitting of these three vehicles is \$193,125. This request is for the vehicles only and will expend \$146,679 of the total budgeted amount leaving \$46,446 for upfitting parts, graphics, and installation. These items will be purchased as required during the time between the vehicle order and vehicle delivery. The group of requested vehicles is expected to be \$210 over budget after upfitting is completed. Reserves are available in the Fleet Services Fund to accommodate this request.

Unit	Budget	Vehicle Cost	Upfitting Labor + Graphics	Total Cost	Over/(Under) Budget
334	\$ 64,375	\$ 48,893	\$ 14,483	\$ 63,376	\$ (999)
356	\$ 64,375	\$ 48,893	\$ 15,750	\$ 64,643	\$ 268
361	\$ 64,375	\$ 48,893	\$ 16,423	\$ 65,316	\$ 941
Totals	\$ 193,125	\$ 146,679	\$ 46,656	\$ 193,335	\$ 210

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt the resolution authorizing the purchase of three (3) 2026 Ford Utility Interceptor Hybrid SUVs from Currie Motors Frankfort through SPC contract #204 for a total amount not to exceed \$146,679. Upfitting labor and graphics will be purchased separately through existing contracts where available and within current purchasing guidelines.

The specifications, proposal, quotations, City's Purchase Orders and SPC contract #204 are on file in the City Clerk's office for review.

RESOLUTION R-2026-

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF THREE (3) 2026 FORD UTILITY INTERCEPTOR HYBRID SUVS FROM CURRIE MOTORS FRANKFORT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NORTHWEST MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE SUBURBAN PURCHASING COOPERATIVE FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$146,679

WHEREAS, the City of Wheaton, Illinois, ("City") is an Illinois home rule municipality pursuant to the provisions of Article VII, Section 6, of the Illinois Constitution of 1970; and as such the City may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Illinois Governmental Joint Purchasing Act (30 ILCS 525/1, *et seq.*), the City may purchase personal property, supplies, and services joining with other governmental units; and Illinois State Statutes authorize municipal governments to jointly purchase supplies; and

WHEREAS, the City is a member of the Northwest Municipal Conference ("NWMC"), a corporate organization representing municipalities and townships located within the State of Illinois and Counties of Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, and McHenry; and

WHEREAS, the City participates in the NWMC Suburban Purchasing Cooperative ("SPC"), which permits local governments to purchase commodities and services according to contracts negotiated by the NWMC, resulting in significant savings for the City; and

WHEREAS, the SPC contract #204 has been publicly and competitively bid for vehicle and heavy equipment sales; and

WHEREAS, SPC has identified Currie Motors Frankfort located in Frankfort, Illinois, as the low responsible bidder for SPC cooperative contract #204; and

WHEREAS, the City budgeted funds in the Vehicles account of the Fleet Services Fund in the amount of \$193,125; and

WHEREAS, the corporate authorities of the City of Wheaton have determined that it is in the best interest of the City to procure three (3) 2026 Ford Utility Interceptor Hybrid SUVs for the Police Department from Currie Motors Frankfort located at 9423 W Lincoln Highway, Frankfort, Illinois 60423 in accordance with SPC cooperative contract #204 for a total amount not to exceed \$146,679.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Wheaton, Illinois, that:

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are incorporated into and made a part of this Resolution as findings of the Mayor and the City Council.

Section 2. The City's Purchase Order #2027005 for three (3) 2026 Ford Utility Interceptor Hybrid SUVs for the Police Department from Currie Motors Frankfort located at 9423 W Lincoln Highway, Frankfort, Illinois, 60423 in accordance with SPC cooperative contract #204, for a total amount not to exceed \$146,679 is hereby authorized (the "Purchase").

A copy of the City's Purchase Order #2027005 and a copy of the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative contract #204 is on file with the City Clerk's office and is incorporated herein as if fully set forth as Exhibit A.

Section 3. City staff is authorized and directed to undertake any and all other tasks necessary, or in furtherance of, completion of the Purchase transaction.

ADOPTED this 20th day of January 2026.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent: