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Subject: City Council Update

I am sorry for being late getting this memo out. My office has been and continues to be covered in plastic.

Anyway, we have an agenda for the Yukon Municipal Authority that contains two action items for your consideration beyond the Consent Agenda. The first item is to complete the purchase process of the Vehicles and Equipment purchase that we have been working on for nine months. You have already approved this as part of the budget. You have approved the negotiation of the details of the financing arrangement. It is now time to finish. Mike and I have completed the negotiations with Arvest Bank for a reducing revolver type of financing. We are getting a really good deal in terms of rate and term. 3.25% fixed for the term of seven years with the ability to renegotiate at any time without penalty. We have bid these items three time to insure we get what we need at the best price possible. I have just visited with Nick about some questions he had concerning the fire truck and police patrol vehicles. First the fire truck with compressed air foam (CAF) system is the same system we currently have. While the truck has the ability to utilize CAF to suppress certain types of fire, it has the ability to suppress fires by using water as well. Therefore we are able to fight more kinds of fires with the same piece of equipment. Also, because we a small department, CFA allows us to utilize fewer firefighters at any one incident scene because the apparatus for CAF is more compact, lighter and suppresses fire faster. The second question Nick had concerned the police patrol vehicles. We are all aware that Ford discontinued the Crown Victoria that had been the police standard for many years. Last year we purchased two Chevrolets. They are getting 11 miles per gallon. Reports are that nationally they are starting to experience maintenance issues as well. The dodge (which I have driven) is like riding on your back. It too is experiencing maintenance issues. When we were at the NLC Ford had a booth where they were rolling out their new pursuit vehicle. It is a great looking car. I had such high hopes for it. It just costs \$2,900 more than the Tahoe and we could only get two. The national data indicates that comparing the total cost of ownership over time leads you to purchase the Chevrolet Tahoe.

There are three action items for your consideration under the City Council Agenda before the consideration of an executive session. The first is the vehicle and equipment purchased as discussed above. The second is to consider the "grease" ordinance that was presented to you several weeks ago. This ordinance has been in the making for over a year. The Community Development Department, Public Works Department, and the City Attorney have come to you now for your consideration. All parties will be available for your questions on Tuesday night.

The final items relate to the amendment of my contract. It is hard to believe that a year has already passed. It has been a great year. Together we have continued to move this City forward. We have voiced aggressive plans for the future. With your continued support and consent I am excited by the opportunity to lead this staff next year and many years to come.



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