



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Commissioners

FROM: Holly Vath, Chief Purchasing Officer

THROUGH: Donald B. Cooper, City Manager

DATE: October 7, 2015

SUBJECT: **AGENDA ITEM 8.C. - REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING OF OCTOBER 20, 2015**
PRIOR APPROVAL OF FY 2016 SPENDING GREATER THAN \$25,000.00/SOLE
SOURCE/FLORIDA BULLET, INC.

BACKGROUND

Staff requests approval of the following motions:

- Approve Florida Bullet as a sole source vendor for ammunition in accordance with the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 36, Section 36.02(C)(6)(a), "Sole Source"
- Approve the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 36, Section 36.03(B), "Multiple Acquisitions from Vendor exceeding \$25,000 in Any Fiscal Year" for \$65,000 for fiscal year 2016

Ammunition is a requirement for Law Enforcement Agencies. Standardization of ammunition is very important. It is necessary for the Department to use only one kind of ammunition for duty use (certain kinds of ammunition for certain kinds of weapons) and comparable ammunition for training. Consistency is needed for officer training and to maintain standardization in how the weapons perform. When selecting ammunition, factors that are considered include: casing, bullet weight, propellant, toxicity (of airborne fragments subsequent to fire), and bonding.

The specific ammunition the agency utilizes was selected due to FBI ballistic results, and the training ammunition is very similar in ballistics to duty ammunition, resulting in reduced training costs. The recommendation for the ammunition was approved after testing by both Delray Beach Training Unit and FBI ballistics lab. The Delray Beach Police Department has been utilizing the same manufacturer of ammunition (SPEER) for over ten years. Florida Bullet is a sole source vendor for SPEER ammunition.

DISCUSSION

By approving the recommended motion, the Commission is not waiving or overriding any provisions of the City's purchasing code. When they occur, single acquisitions over \$25,000 will be submitted for Commission approval under the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 36, Section

36.02(A), "Sealed Competitive Method"; smaller acquisitions will be approved at the City Manager and departmental levels under Sections 36.02(B), "Written Quotations Method" and 36.02(C), "Direct Acquisitions Method".

FUNDING SOURCE

Funding is available in the FY 2016 in account 001-2111-521-52.20.

RECOMMENDATION

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