

## MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: Alfred D. Lott, City Manager

SUBJECT: Code Compliance Division EV purchases

DATE: June 29, 2020

The Department of Community Services has made the commitment to convert the entire fleet of Code Compliance vehicles to electric by FY25. At the current time the City Code Compliance Division has the need to purchase three new vehicles. Funds are available to complete this purchase were appropriated in the FY21 budget.

Traditionally the City funds the purchase of vehicles through a State of Maryland Vehicle Contract which has been shown to be the least expensive route to follow. Although the 2020 contract does include a Chevy Bolt at the cost of \$29,044, because of production delays the dealer providing the vehicle was unable to provide a satisfactory vehicle in a timely fashion.

To address an immediate need for a vehicle, staff published an RFP in eMaryland Marketplace. The only bid received was for a Nissan Leaf at the cost of \$39,464.

In an attempt to obtain a lower cost for an acceptable EV, staff then solicited quotes from local dealerships who appeared to have an acceptable vehicle in stock. The lowest quotes ranged from \$27,566.36 to \$32,590. The three lowest quotes were from Lindsay Chevrolet at:

Vehicle #1 – \$27,566.36

Vehicle #2 – \$27,984.71

Vehicle #3 – \$28,660.61

Since the three quotes received were less than that which could be obtained through the State contract and were the lowest of all the quotes received from 5 different dealerships, approval of Resolution R-53- 20 is requested to waive bidding requirements and allow a purchase agreement to be awarded to Lindsay Chevrolet in the amount of \$84,211.68.

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**RESOLUTION**  
**OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BOWIE, MARYLAND**  
**WAIVING THE COMPETITIVE BIDDING REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 61**  
**“PURCHASING AND CONTRACTING” OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF**  
**BOWIE BY A TWO THIRDS VOTE TO ALLOW FOR THE PURCHASE OF THREE**  
**CHEVROLET BOLT ELECTRIC VEHICLES AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY**  
**MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH LINDSAY CHEVROLET IN**  
**THE AMOUNT OF \$84,211.68**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bowie (the “City”) provides Code Compliance services to its residents; and

**WHEREAS**, vehicles are needed in order for Code Compliance Officers to provide this service; and

**WHEREAS**, the Code Compliance Division is converting its fleet to electric vehicles; and

**WHEREAS**, the usual competitively bid purchase contract was unavailable for use to purchase these EVs in a reasonable time frame; and

**WHEREAS**, after an extensive search, including the issuance of an RFP, staff was able to identify another more economical way for the City to purchase such vehicles; and

**WHEREAS**, staff received quotes from multiple automotive dealerships including Lindsay Chevrolet; and

**WHEREAS**, Lindsay Chevrolet provided the lowest price for the purchase of three Chevrolet Bolts all at costs lower than the competitively bid state contract; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 61 of the City Charter permits the City Council, by two-thirds vote, to waive bidding requirements for good cause shown.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council for the City of Bowie, Maryland, by at least a two-thirds vote, that the competitive bidding requirements of Section 61 of the Bowie City Charter are, for good cause shown, hereby waived and authorizes the City Manager to enter into a purchase agreement for three 2020 Chevrolet Bolt EVs with Lindsay Chevrolet in the amount of \$84,211.68.

**INTRODUCED AND PASSED** by the Council of the City of Bowie, Maryland at a Regular Meeting on July 6, 2020.

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Timothy Adams, Mayor

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City Clerk