



Date: March 19, 2013

To: Thomas J. Bonfield, City Manager
Through: Jose L. Lopez, Sr., Chief of Police
From: Lt. B. D. Reitz
Subject: Acceptance of DNC Equipment Donation

Executive Summary

The City of Durham through the Durham Police Department is receiving a donation of law enforcement related equipment and supplies from the City of Charlotte. The City of Charlotte was authorized to purchase this equipment to provide public safety and security during the 2012 Democratic National Convention (DNC). Durham Police Officers assisted with DNC security during September 2012 and utilized this equipment. The equipment and supplies includes two Mobile Task Force uniform sets, five police bicycles, five bicycle uniform sets, a Kawasaki Mule Utility Vehicle, and seventy-six non-ballistic helmets. The value of all equipment is estimated at \$30,718.43.

Recommendation

The Police Department recommends that the City Council:

1. Authorize the City Manager to accept the 2012 DNC Equipment and Supplies Donation by executing the grant documents; and
2. Adopt the 2012 DNC Equipment and Supplies Donation Grant Project Ordinance in the amount of \$30,718.43.

Background

The City of Charlotte hosted the DNC from September 4, 2012 thru September 6, 2012. The DNC was expected to draw large crowds and present security issues due to the political figures in attendance. The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department did not have adequate personnel resources to manage such an event and was dependent upon officers from outside of their jurisdiction for assistance. Durham Police Officers arrived in Charlotte on September 1, 2012 for training and other preparations and returned to Durham on September 7, 2012.

The Utility Vehicle valued at \$11,634.00 will be assigned to the Durham Police Department's Community Services Bureau. The vehicle will be used by officers to patrol areas that may not be conducive to standard patrol cars, such as the American Tobacco Trail.

The five Police bicycles and bicycle uniforms, with a total value of \$8,667.15 will be assigned to the Bicycle Unit for use by the officers during their patrols and other activities.

There are presently 21 officers assigned to the Bicycle Unit. The acceptance of the bicycles will help save some cost of replacing old bicycles. The seventy-six (76) non-ballistic helmets valued at \$7,303.60 and two Mobile Field Force uniform sets valued at \$3,113.68 may be used by officers during circumstances when protective gear is necessary.

Issues/Analysis

The equipment being donated will provide the Police Department with additional resources for officers to carry out their duties and protection to the City of Durham.

Alternatives

The City of Durham could choose to not receive the donated items from the City of Charlotte.

Financial Impact

There will be no financial impact on the City's General Fund.

SDBE Summary

Due to the nature of this item, a SDBE summary is not required.

Attachments

Ordinance - DNC Equipment Donation Grant Project
Contract – DNC Disposition of City Property
Contract Attachment – DNC Donation Items