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TRANSMITTAL MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Karl R. Amylon, City Manager

DATE: April 26, 2021

RE: **Declaring as Surplus Sixty-two Forfeited Firearms and Authorizing Their Exchange for Departmental Safety Equipment – Coastal Commercial Services**

The motion detailed below was prepared at the request of Police Chief Joe White, who asked that it be placed before the City Council for consideration at its meeting of May 6, 2021. If adopted, the motion provides for declaring as surplus sixty-two forfeited firearms and authorizing their exchange for departmental safety equipment from Coastal Commercial Services. The rationale for the declaration of surplus and exchange is detailed in Chief White's transmittal memorandum and requires no elaboration on the part of my office. I concur with the Police Chief's recommendation.

Section 3.12.070(b) of the Ketchikan Municipal Code provides for the following:

3.12.070 Sale or other disposition of personal property, or interest therein.

(b) No supplies, materials, equipment or other personal property of a value of more than two thousand dollars other than scrap metal may be sold or otherwise disposed of until the council has declared, by motion or resolution, such property surplus, obsolete, unneeded, or that the transaction is otherwise in the best interest of the city.

My office is requesting the City Council declare the firearms as surplus and authorize their exchange for departmental training equipment.

Chief White will attend the City Council meeting of May 6, 2021, in order to address any questions and/or concerns that Councilmembers may have.

A motion has been prepared for City Council consideration.

RECOMMENDATION

Pursuant to Section 3.12.070(b) of the Ketchikan Municipal Code, it is recommended the City Council adopt the motion declaring as surplus sixty-two forfeited firearms and authorizing their exchange for departmental safety equipment from Coastal Commercial Services.

Recommended Motion: Pursuant to Section 3.12.070(b) of the Ketchikan Municipal Code, I move the City Council declare as surplus sixty-two forfeited firearms and authorize their exchange for departmental safety equipment from Coastal Commercial Services.



MEMORANDUM

KETCHIKAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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TO: Karl Amylon
City Manager

FROM: Joseph White
Chief of Police

DATE: April 23, 2021

RE: **Forfeit Firearms**

This department currently is in possession of twenty-seven rifles, thirty handguns and five shotguns. The firearms were acquired through forfeiture in criminal cases, are not suitable for on-duty police use and many have little market value due to their condition.

Brian Elliot, owner of Coastal Commercial Services (federally licensed firearms and class 3 dealer) has expressed interest in trading safety equipment for the forfeited firearms. Our department will need to purchase a number of expiring ballistic vests for officers at a substantial cost. With recent budget issues, this will be a way to provide a needed safety item at no cost to the City. Our department has done this in the past with Mr. Elliot with council approval. We obtained vests, helmets, and trauma packs.

Due to the quantity of the forfeited firearms, their value is in excess of two thousand dollars and pursuant to Ketchikan Municipal Code 3.12.070(b) the City Council has to declare by motion or resolution that the transaction is in the best interest of the city. I believe that acquiring these ballistic vests through the exchange of the forfeited firearms would be in the best interest of the City and am requesting permission to move forward with finalizing this process.