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All approved thanks for the follow-up Ryan

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From: Conley, Ryan E.
Sent: Friday, January 20, 2023 9:52 AM
To: Lee, Jonathan S. <JSLee@columbus.gov>
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Good Afternoon Jon,

Here are some reasons, or responses to your questions.

1. You previously disapproved last year for an expansion. This would be for replacement. Two of the three units to be traded in are aging, both are Chrysler products and we are having issues getting parts, service, and diagnostic equipment for that manufacturer. The other vehicle is one of three Ford Escapes that we have had continued issues with

since new. This is the only one of the three that has yet to have a major component failure i.e. transmission/engine work. We are expecting the same result with this one , so we are being proactive in getting it out of our fleet before we spend more money and down time. I have reached out to Power about using Ford Rangers with caps on the back. They feel the smaller SUV better suits their needs for the engineering operations.

2. Water Distribution is looking to change their operations and cut costs for their Hydrant crew vehicles.
3. All of the vehicles being turned for replacement are going to be sent to auction. The vehicles that have been slated for turn in are aging, or are no longer needed by the section due to operational changes. I have spoken with Dan Fennell about his needs, at this time they would not be interested in any vehicles from Power or Water. Also, Dan and I have had conversations about setting up a UTC for “plant style work carts” for all DPU plants, rather than small cars/ LT duty trucks that don’t see much public roadway use. This would also cut future costs for plant vehicle needs.
4. Last year I did purchase an E Transit for the Power Metering group. I have not heard from Ford, but there is a chance that our order may not be fulfilled due to manufacture shortage on Batteries, and other EV parts. I have no plans to purchase BEV for Power or Water for 2023 until we have a concrete plan of infrastructure for DPU, as well as the availability limitations by Ford being a concern.

I appreciate your time and patience. Let me know if you have further questions or concerns that I may have not addressed.

Thank you!

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Ryan, sorry for the delay, I looked at a several of these and just have a few follow-ups before approving

- 1) Why do they need SUVs (Power)– I think I disapproved this before. What type of SUVs are they wanting. Would a LT Duty truck suffice instead?
- 2) Why does Water Distribution need 4 new expansion Transit Vans with crane? Are operations changing, adding a crew?
- 3) Many of the water vehicles meet 2 of the 4 replacement criteria, largely due to age. Will these be auctioned or transferred to the Water and Sewer plants?
- 4) Are any of the Water and Power vehicles going to be spec’d electric only? If not, why? Lack of charging station infrastructure?

Thanks,

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From: Conley, Ryan E.
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Good afternoon,

I was following up to see if you had time to review and approve the buy plans for the Division of Power, and Water 2023? I have attached them for reference. I am sure you are busy with new year projects, and just haven't had time yet. I understand completely. I do however, need Directors approval so I can submit to Fleet for their approval. I am being asked by Fiscal staff to provide these letters so they can start legislation for light duty vehicles.

I appreciate your time, and communication.

Thank you.

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