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TO: Kurt Hodgen, City Manager
FROM: Stephen Monticelli, Chief of Police
DATE: Thursday, August 11, 2016
RE: Kawasaki Multi-Use Utility Vehicle

Summary: Consider a supplemental appropriation for the Police Department in the amount of \$18,078.00 from the federal assets (funds to be used for Law Enforcement purposes only) account to purchase a multi-use utility vehicle to be used during all downtown special events and for incidents occurring on multi use paths which do not provide access to a regular emergency vehicle.

Background: The Harrisonburg Police Department has relied on the ability to borrow golf-carts and "side-by-side" style utility vehicles for use during events like holiday parades, First Night, Halloween on the Square, the Shenandoah Pride Festival and JMU Block Party, where the streets are closed to vehicular traffic and designated for pedestrian traffic. This vehicle carries emergency response items like first aid kits and traffic cones and is also available for emergency response to criminal activity occurring in the proximity of the special event.

Key Issues:

- The vehicle provides faster response than if on foot
- Golf carts are not equipped with lights and cannot be used after dark
- The requested model has a closed cab and would be used in all weather conditions
- The vehicle would be available for emergency response to incidents occurring on new multi-use trails such as Bluestone Trail, where there are no vehicle access points for a regular emergency vehicle.

Environmental Impact: none

Fiscal Impact: The initial vehicle purchase would be made with forfeiture funds. Fuel and maintenance would be covered in the budget.

- **Prior Actions:** During the last event, we were able to borrow the style of vehicle being requested in order to test that it was the model we prefer (Kawasaki Mule 4010 four seater with hard cab).

Alternatives:

- (a) purchase the new utility vehicle with forfeiture funds
- (b) do not purchase and continue to rely on the ability to borrow one when needed;

or

- (c) Discontinue the use of such vehicle at downtown events.



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Community Engagement: none

Recommendation: To purchase the vehicle as described

Attachments: Supplemental Appropriation

Review:

The initiating Department Director will place in Legistar, in sequence of transmittal, the names of each department that must initial their review in order for this item to be placed on the City Council agenda. The completion of review only addresses the readiness of the issue for Council consideration. This does not address the recommendation for approval or denial of the issue.

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