

Monday, April 10, 2006

Honorable Mayor and Members of  
The Hermosa Beach City Council

Regular meeting of  
April 25th, 2006

**REQUEST TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE  
PURCHASE OF POLICE EQUIPMENT**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that City Council:

1. Appropriate \$1679.45 from the California Law Enforcement Equipment Program Fund, High Technology Grant (CLEEP) program to purchase Eleven (11) Pentek digital ballpoint pen recording devices. Pentek is the sole source for this exact model of digital recorder which is compatible with our existing systems.

**BACKGROUND:**

The CLEEP grant is a state grant that the City received for the Police Department. The monies are intended for *high technology* equipment directly related to law enforcement. The items listed above clearly meet this requirement.

These ballpoint pen type digital recorders are intended to supplement the standard digital recorders now in use by all uniformed officers. The uniformed officers are able to carry the standard recorders on their gun belt or in the pocket of their uniform blouse. Plain clothes officers often do not wear clothing that permits carrying the standard recorder. This type of recorder can be carried surreptitiously in dress or casual attire.

**ANALYSIS:**

The funds listed above were not appropriated last June when the 2005/2006 fiscal year budget was adopted. It is requested that these monies now be appropriated for the purchase of the police equipment listed above. This equipment should help to provide direct evidence in criminal trials and have the added benefit of providing exculpatory evidence in future civil trials wherein police employees are accused of wrongdoing.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

All of these grant monies were received by the City of Hermosa Beach for the purpose of acquiring police equipment. They are not part of the general fund.

Respectfully submitted:

  
Thomas Eckert  
Police Captain

Concur:

  
Stephen Burrell  
City Manager

Fiscal Impact:

  
Viki Copeland  
Finance Director

Concur:

  
David Barr  
Police Chief