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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
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SUBJECT: Lease Between American Honda Motor Co., Inc. and the City of Long Beach For Use of Three Personal Watercrafts (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

On June 25, 2002, the City Council authorized the City Manager to execute a lease agreement with American Honda Motor Co., Inc. (AHM) for three AquaTrax personal watercrafts (PWC) to be used by the Long Beach Fire Department (LBFD) for \$1 each per year. The agreement was subsequently renewed in September 2003. A new lease agreement is now required for replacement watercrafts.

The PWCs have been used by the LBFD during the past two years on a daily basis to support its public safety efforts at Bayshore, Marine Park, and at other beach locations. Due to the PWCs' size and versatility, they are used in areas not readily accessible by the rescue boats or for quick beach responses for situations involving windsurfers, small watercrafts (e.g., kayaks, sabots, etc.) or ocean swimmers. In addition, the PWCs are used to support a variety of special events such as the Junior Lifeguard Regionals and the Naples Island Swim.

The lease requires that the LBFD: 1) allow only trained City staff to operate the PWCs in a professional manner; 2) promote positive watercraft safety and recreational opportunities; 3) make reasonable efforts to obtain positive media coverage; and 4) provide AHM with copies of the media coverage.

This item was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Richard F. Anthony on August 25, 2004 and Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on August 20, 2004.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action on this matter is requested on September 14, 2004 to facilitate processing the required lease agreement documents.

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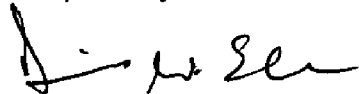
FISCAL IMPACT

Lease payments are equal to \$1 per year for each PWC, for a total of \$3 annually. LBFD will absorb the additional cost of fuel and any repairs not covered under the one-year warranty within its Tidelands appropriations

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

Authorize the City Manager to: (1) execute a lease with American Honda Motor Co., Inc. for use of three personal watercrafts by the Long Beach Fire Department for a period of one year in an amount of \$1 annually for each watercraft; and (2) subsequently execute leases for replacement watercrafts upon the same terms as the original lease for periods of one year each.

Respectfully submitted,



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