



**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2018; 6:00 PM**

Council Questions and Staff Response

Questions from Alderman Jamie Mathy:

Item 8C: Is there any reason we cannot go to our local dealer and ask if they can and if they are willing to match the contract pricing? It seems like more of the options on the vehicles are coming straight from Ford's program.

Staff Response: Jim Karch, Public Works Director

Item 8C: The City of Bloomington uses multiple purchasing contracts including accepted cooperative organizations such as the Illinois Joint Purchasing Contract, Northwest Suburban Purchasing Cooperative Contract and the National Joint Powers Alliance. Each of the cooperatives competitively bid the described work and local vendors can participate in the process. Bloomington uses cooperative purchasing contracts in compliance with the Local Preference Purchasing Policy (Resolution 2015-40) for efficiency, to save resources and utilize existing efforts of other entities. For this council item, the Police Interceptor Vehicles are unique which causes further difficulty with local vendors being able to provide a bid. City staff will reach out to the local Ford dealer to see if they will consider participating in the Illinois Joint Purchasing Contract moving forward.