

# City of Clearwater

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## **Legislation Text**

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#### SUBJECT/RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the trade-in to GT Distributors, Inc. of Austin, TX for twenty-one used Glock 42 pistols with 2 magazines, and TruGlo Sights, in the trade-in amount of \$5,859.00, pursuant to City Code of Ordinances 2.623 (6) and (7)(e) Disposal and disposition of surplus tangible personal property, and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)

#### SUMMARY:

The Police Department purchased its current model firearm (Glock 42, .380 caliber) assigned to undercover personnel in 2015. Five years is the average duty life of standard police weapons before safety and maintenance problems begin to occur.

Though the Police Department has not, as of yet, experienced any maintenance problems with the current Glock 42, subsequent to a department-wide transition to the Glock 45 (9mm) pistol in 2019 (for sworn personnel), an employee-based committee began reviewing the applicability of the Glock 42 for service within the Department for undercover personnel.

After several months of review, the committee recommended that the department's undercover personnel transition from the Glock 42 to the Glock 43x (9mm) pistol. The rationale for this transition is to consolidate department firearms platforms to the more effective 9mm round which is already being purchased by the department, provide for a weapon mounted lighting system for undercover personnel, and the age of the current platform (already six years of service).

Of the firearms dealers contacted, GT Distributors, Inc. has submitted the most competitive pricing with trade-in allowance for this purchase. The direct price of the Glock 43x pistol from GT Distributors, Inc. is \$425.49/each with a trade-in value for the department's current undercover weapons (in their current condition) of \$279.00/each.

In accordance with City Code 2.623, Disposal and disposition of surplus tangible personal property, the Police Department requests to declare as surplus and authorize the trade-in of its twenty-one Glock 42 (.380 caliber) handguns, to help offset the cost of the new firearms. It is anticipated these trade-in weapons will be refurbished and re-sold to authorized purchasers.

In replacement, the Police Department seeks to purchase nineteen Glock 43x firearms in an amount of \$8,084.31 and nineteen Streamlight Compact Weapon Lights in an amount of \$2,177.40 with a trade-in amount of (\$5,859.00) for a total purchase of \$4,402.71. The lightning system is functionally similar to our existing Patrol equipment. Glock offers a limited lifetime warranty in relation to law enforcement firearms.

All undercover personnel will be required to attend mandatory firearms training with the Glock 43x, before they are deployed in the field.

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### **APPROPRIATION CODE AND AMOUNT:**

The department anticipated this purchase and has funding available, in the amount of \$4,402.71, through P1802 - Police Equipment Replacement.