



## AGENDA ITEM NO. 18

### CITY OF HAWTHORNE City Council AGENDA BILL

For the meeting of June 11, 2024

Originating Department: Police - Operations

City Manager:

  
Vontray Norris

Chief of Police:

  
Gary Tomatani

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#### SUBJECT:

**The Agreement Between the City Hawthorne and West Coast Aviation for the Sales Representation and Consultation for the sale of 1988 MD500E Helicopter (Air-55) by the Hawthorne Police Department.**

#### RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the Consulting Agreement with West Coast Aviation and authorize the chief of the Hawthorne Police Department to execute the Agreement and any minor amendments thereto.

#### DISCUSSION:

This agenda bill proposes the sale of the Hawthorne Police Department's McDonnell Douglas 500E Helicopter, commonly referred to as Air-55, and seeks City Council's approval for the same.

Staff would like to begin the sales process and seek perspective buyers and/or engaging a professional broker to handle the sale of Air-55. The sale of the McDonnell Douglas 500E Helicopter aligns with the department's strategic goals and financial prudence. West Coast Aviation conducted an appraisal of the McDonnell Douglas 500E Helicopter and was able to locate a potential buyer of the helicopter for \$600,000. The Hawthorne Police Department received Letter of Intent to Purchase the helicopter from Kansas Farm & Ranch, Inc.

The Hawthorne Police Department is moving towards permanently flying newly purchased 2010 Cessna Stationair T206. Phasing out our helicopter program and selling Air-55 will allow the Police Department to recoup money spent on the airplane and allow the air program to continue for years to come. This action will enable the Hawthorne Police Department to better allocate resources and utilizing the proceeds from the sale to support the air program will maintain our

current public safety priorities.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC PLAN:**

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

City of Hawthorne will pay to Representative a sales commission /consulting fee at closing of escrow in the amount of \$50,000.00. The sale of the Air-55 will bring in \$600,000 to the General Fund, offset by \$50,000 in commission.

**NOTICING PROCEDURES:**

72 hours posted notice pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. Agreement Between the Hawthorne Police Department and West Coast Aviation Aircraft
2. Letter of Intent