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Item #8 [CONS 22-182](#)

Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Transfer and Appropriate \$147,719.25 in Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Revenue from the General Fund to the Fleet Capital Fund for the Purchase of Two (2) Outfitted Ford Explorers for The Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Program

Regarding the abandoned vehicles item on Tuesday's Agenda:

1. Is there logic to using the funds for temporary non-sworn staff rather than vehicles?

2. Also, has there been consideration of bringing the towing in house rather than continuing the current contract?

1. There is a full-time CSO position that is already funded by ACAVAA to do this work and another City funded position, which has been vacant for some time. We have several CSO candidates we anticipate hiring in the very near future, which will allow us to fill some our CSO vacancies, including this AVA position. When fully staffed, we do not have enough vehicles in the fleet for these CSOs and the CSOs participating in our CSO Pilot Project, which is ongoing. Between the 3 positions, they currently share 1 vehicle. Even if we brought on temporary staff, we would not have vehicles for them to use.

2. In-house towing, including creating job specifications, hiring staff (salary/benefits), purchasing tow vehicles and equipment, and liability exposure associated with damage claims, is not a cost-effective solution.