

# **Council Communication**

Office of the City Manager

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**Police** 

# **AGENDA HEADING:**

Approval to purchase five (5) Mini Covert Outdoor Surveillance Cameras from Crime Point Company, 355 N. Lantana Street, Camarillo, CA. 93010, President Dan McLeod. These cameras are to be connected to an existing Surveillance System used in a coordination effort with the State of Iowa Department of Public Safety.

# **SYNOPSIS:**

Recommend approval to purchase five Mini Covert Outdoor Surveillance Cameras to connect to an existing surveillance system used in coordination with the State of Iowa Department of Public Safety.

In 2009, the Des Moines, Iowa Police Department was awarded an Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Grant for purchasing criminal investigative equipment. A portion of that camera equipment was targeted to enhance an existing covert surveillance system used by the Detective Bureau. A Memorandum of Understanding was signed with the State Department of Public Safety to maintain a computer server that would store all video/audio images acquired by the system for use by the State and the City. Because this is an existing system and compatible with State DPS equipment, it is critical that the Police Department maintain the same equipment initiated for the system. The Crime Point Company, 355 N. Lantana Street, Camarillo, CA. 93010, President Dan McLeod is the sole supplier of the compatible Mini Covert Outdoor Surveillance Cameras.

## **FISCAL IMPACT:**

Amount: \$31,933.50

<u>Funding Source:</u> Recommended Operating Budget June 30, 2011, SP751, POL984130, 544180 2009 JAG, Special Revenue, page 255

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

In 2009, the Des Moines, Iowa Police Department was awarded an Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Grant for purchasing criminal investigative equipment. The Detective Bureau requested grant money be set aside to purchase associated equipment for an existing covert surveillance system.

This existing system was put together several years ago. Several detectives were sent for training on how to utilize and maintain this system. Once initiated, the system proved to be a valuable tool in monitoring criminal activity throughout the City. The State Department of Public Safety is aware of the system and desires to take advantage of the City's capabilities.

The Detective Bureau desires to use the grant money to purchase five new cameras, which will increase the number of system cameras to eight. The State Department of Public Safety desires to maintain a computer server that is capable of storing these images and will allow them to view all images acquired by the Police Department. The equipment capable of providing the storage space for these images will be the property of the City. By employing the State to maintain this equipment, at no cost, will relieve the IT Department and the Police Information Technology Section of extra 24/7 monitoring requirements inherent to the system.

A Memorandum of Understanding has been created and signed by both the Des Moines Police Department and the Department of Public Safety delineating the required tasks of both parties.

The cameras required compatibility is critical to the operational goals of the system. The three cameras currently being used by the system are designed and configured by Crime Point Company. The Police Department and the City Purchasing Department are in agreement that these special cameras fall under the Purchasing Ordinance Section 2-726 (a) (7) that states:

"The procurement of goods and/or services that are of such a nature that they are the only goods and/or services which will fit and comply with the required use, or are an integral part of a total system so as to be uniquely compatible with existing city needs, materials or equipment to be cost effective, and the city manager so finds and declares in writing. The city manager's written determination shall be filed with the procurement documents in each such instance."

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE** 

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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