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Submitted by:	Judy A. Bradshaw, Chief of Police

AGENDA HEADING:

Approval of the Police Department Request for Proposal for License Plate Reader Equipment and distribution of this RFP by the Purchasing Department.

SYNOPSIS:

In an effort to enhance law enforcement capabilities regarding stolen vehicles, habitual parking violators, and a variety of vehicle identification needs identified by staff, the Police Department requests to distribute a Request for Proposal to obtain License Plate Reader equipment from a qualified vendor.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$40,000

Funding Source: SP324, POL982200 State Forfeited Funds, Recommended Budget Fiscal Year June 30, 2011, Page 249.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The ability to electronically read license plates on moving and parked vehicles enhances the processing of vehicle information in such a manner that immediate action can be initiated to resolve enforcement issues.

An electronic License Plate Reader is installed in a police vehicle and electronically accesses plate information in a manner of seconds from parked or moving vehicles. If the vehicle is stolen, or is owned by a habitual violator of the parking ordinances, or a warrant has been issued on the vehicle owner, the equipment will immediately notify the officer of this status and allow the officer to take immediate action.

Two vehicles will have the equipment installed; one vehicle assigned to the Patrol Bureau and one vehicle assigned to the Parking Enforcement Unit. This system will allow the Police Department to gradually orient personnel concerning the operational requirements and the overall functionality of the new equipment. A system server will be required and it is included with the cost estimate. The Police Department technology staff will be able to manage the server without additional resources. Additionally, the Police Department is working with the State of Iowa Department of Public Safety to identify a method to receive the critical information from the law enforcement database.

It is believed this computerized system will be a positive addition to the law enforcement tools incorporated by the Police Department.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Approval by City Council to award a contract to a selected vendor and instruct staff to negotiate a contract with selected vendor.

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