

 <p style="text-align: center;">Council Communication Office of the City Manager</p>	Date: February 24, 2014
	Agenda Item No. 42B Roll Call No. <u>14-0310</u> Communication No. <u>14-075</u> Submitted by: Judy A. Bradshaw, Chief of Police

AGENDA HEADING:

Approval to purchase eight (8) in-car cameras and associated equipment from COBAN Technologies Incorporated, 12503 Exchange Drive, Suite 536, Stafford, Texas 77477, Allan Chen, President.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval to purchase of eight (8) additional camera units to be installed in eight (8) marked patrol vehicles. On June 28, 2010, the City Council approved the purchase of an in-car video system from COBAN Technologies Incorporated on Roll Call No. 10-1042. This highly specialized system has been installed and is currently operational. The Patrol Bureau has been impressed with the operational capabilities of this system and desires to expand the number of patrol cars which can utilize the equipment on a daily basis.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$55,560.00

Funding Source: \$43,890.00, G001, PD001351, page 201 Recommended Budget Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2014. \$11,670.00, S751, JAG00012, page 225 Recommended Budget Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2014

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The COBAN System is a productive method to document investigations and probable cause needs. It also meets the requirements of custody interviews, and provides recorded happenings at crime scenes and other police activities. The system is an efficient means of reproducing audio/video evidence for criminal prosecutions.

The camera units requested are compatible with the current software and connectivity inherent to the COBAN System. Municipal Code section 2-726 (a)(7) provides for a non-competitive 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 need, materials or equipment to be cost effective. This is also used as a form of standardization of the equipment for the benefit of the officers as well as the maintenance of the equipment. We currently have ongoing maintenance and support agreements with COBAN as well.

The Police Department recommends the purchase of these eight (8) units from COBAN Technologies to enhance our current system.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: September 10, 2012

Roll Call Number: [12-1431](#)

Action: [COBAN](#) Technologies Inc., manufacturer and sole area-wide distributor (Allan Chen, President) for 21 in-car video camera systems to be used by the Police Department, \$145,885. ([Council Communication No. 12-488](#)) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: November 22, 2010

Roll Call Number: [10-1949](#)

Action: [COBAN](#) Technologies Inc. (Allen Chen, President) manufacturer and sole-area wide distributor for thirty (30) in-car video camera systems for use by the Police Department, \$193,800. ([Council Communication No. 10-702](#)) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 6-1.

Date: June 28, 2010

Roll Call Number: [10-1042](#)

Action: [COBAN](#) Technologies Inc. (Allen Chen, President) for thirteen (13) In Car Video/Audio Systems to be used by the Police Department, \$95,369.95. (Ten bids mailed, four received). ([Council Communication No. 10-412](#)) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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