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	<b>Agenda Item No.</b> 35B <b>Roll Call No.</b> <u>14-1239</u> <b>Communication No.</b> <u>14-382</u> <b>Submitted by:</b> Judy A. Bradshaw, Chief of Police

**AGENDA HEADING:**

Approval to purchase eight (8) In-Car Cameras and associated equipment from COBAN Technologies Incorporated.

**SYNOPSIS:**

On June 28, 2010, the City Council approved the purchase of the In-Car Video System from COBAN Technologies Incorporated (12503 Exchange Drive, Suite 536, Stafford, Texas 77477, President Allan Chen), by Roll Call No. 10-1042, after a bid process was completed. Since receiving this approval the Police Department has expanded the system with the goal of equipping all marked police vehicles with cameras. This highly specialized system has been operational for four (4) years and the Patrol Bureau has been satisfied with the capabilities of this system. The recorded information is downloaded to a specified server as part of the complete COBAN system. The recordings have proven instrumental to the operation of the department. The purchase of the eight (8) additional systems will expand the existing system and enable the department to equip more marked police vehicles with cameras.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Amount: \$57,050

Funding Source: \$51,020.61 from the 2012 Justice Assistance Grant (S751, JAG00012) and \$6,029.39 from Asset Forfeiture (S751 PD226000) 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 it 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, the individuals who install these

systems, as well as those individuals maintaining the vehicles. A service maintenance agreement for all the COBAN equipment has been purchase for cost effective purposes.

The purchase of these eight (8) cameras will enable the Police Department to install an In-Car Camera system in police supervisory vehicles.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: February 24, 2014

Roll Call Number: [14-0310](#)

Action: Bids from the following:

- (B) [Coban](#) Technologies Inc. (Allan Chen, President) for non-competitive procurement of eight (8) in-car video camera systems for use in Traffic and Patrol cars by the Police Department, \$55,560. ([Council Communication No. 14-075](#)) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: September 10, 2012

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

Action: Bids from the following:

- (D) [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: Bids from the following:

- (E) [COBAN](#) Technologies Inc. (Allen Chen, President) manufacturer and sole-area wide distributor for 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: Bids from the following:

- (A) [Coban](#) Technologies Inc. (Allen Chen, President) for 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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