

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

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	Agenda Item:	43	Roll Call:	26-0761
	Submitted by:	Mike McTaggart, Chief of Police		

AGENDA HEADING:

Approval to purchase Licenses Plate Recognition Software licenses from Motorola Solutions, Inc. 500 W. Monroe St. Chicago, IL, 60661 using the Sourcewell cooperative purchase contract # 101223-MOT for use by the Police Department.

SYNOPSIS:

The Police department recommends the approval of the purchase of the License Plate Recognition software. This software increases efficiency and effectively provides alerts when a licenses plate is located that is associated with an Amber Alerts, missing person or is associated with a specific police case. The software is used in connection with the body worn cameras, the in-vehicle video systems, and the stationary traffic cameras to provide city wide data.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: Annual cost of \$31,440 per year for five years term.
Total contract not to exceed \$157,200.

Funding Source: General Operating budget for the Police Department. FY2027 Recommended Operating Budget Patrol Section (printed page 169.)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The City of Des Moines initially purchased and installed license plate data collection cameras at a high traffic intersection of the city. The cameras required a software subscription to the Law Enforcement Automated Recognition Network (LEARN) program through Vigilant solutions to search plates associated with information and alerts entered by the police department as well as neighboring law enforcement agencies. The data collected proved to be increasingly valuable to investigations, locating missing people, and the resolution of Amber Alerts.
- When Vigilant Solutions became part of Motorola, the police department began reviewing the possibility of adding the license plate recognition software to the in-vehicle video systems and the body-worn cameras the department had recently purchased through Motorola.
- The software agreement between the City and Vigilant will expire on June 30, 2026. The contract requested will continue the police department's ability to use the necessary software

and retain the ability to collect license plate data. The system alerts officers and provides information based on why the license plate has been flagged. This information is vital to officer safety and can assist in the appropriate approach to the vehicle and driver.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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