



## Staff Report

**TO:** City Council  
**FROM:** Sean Thuilliez, Chief of Police  
**DATE:** May 17, 2022  
**SUBJECT:** Police Department Perimeter Fencing and Security Improvements

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### **Background and Analysis:**

The Police Department currently operates out of a facility opened in 1989 and inadequately serves the department in many areas including perimeter security and parking space needs.

Over the years there have been many intrusions into the secured vehicle parking areas of the Police Department. In a three-week period in February 2022 alone, there have been two incidents of intrusion into the secured parking area. One incident involved a person breaching the fence, armed with a machete and replica firearm. Another incident included a person experiencing a mental health crisis which included a confrontation with a sworn member. Previously, an incident involved a suspect breaching the perimeter to steal from officers' personal vehicles.

The secured parking lot can no longer accommodate the police fleet and secured parking for staff members. Secured parking is imperative for staff safety as many of Police Department employees are civilian and utilize the parking lot at all hours with various work shifts. Staff has found it increasingly necessary to find ways to better protect employees and department property. Staff is recommending the following measures to make the facility more secure:

### **Chain-Link Fence Replacement with Wrought Iron**

A large portion of the Police Department perimeter is secured by a six (6) foot chain-link fence, which is easily scaled and vulnerable to unauthorized access. Wrought iron fencing will provide more security and long-term durability. Staff recommends replacing the chain-link fence with wrought iron fencing, eight-feet in height with curved spear tops to deter attempted entry. This wrought iron will be installed on 911 feet of the Police Department perimeter and on the south side alley way entrance and west side alley perimeter.



### **Addition of Top Rail to Block Walls**

There is approximately 251 feet of block wall surrounding the Police Department. Staff is recommending the addition of top rail to the block wall to match the height of the proposed wrought iron.



### **Addition of Ornamental Spikes to Vehicle Entry Gates**

The vehicle entry gate is also vulnerable to unauthorized access. Options of installing larger gates have been explored but was determined that the best option to address the issue is to add a strip of ornamental spikes to the top of the existing gates as a deterrent. Approximately 50 feet of spikes would be welded on top of the existing vehicle access gates.



### **Security Camera Upgrade**

Staff is recommending an upgraded security camera system to replace the current dated system and add cameras for additional security of the property.

### **Additional Secured Parking in Civic Center Parking Lot**

To address the limited parking space for staff, police vehicles, and other emergency equipment, a small portion of the Civic Center parking lot is being requested to be used for additional secured parking. Staff is proposing approximately 11,570 square feet of the Civic Center parking lot adjacent to the Police Department be used for secured parking with a wrought iron perimeter and one roll gate entrance.

An informal bid process was conducted in accordance to Beaumont Municipal Code Section 3.01.090 Informal Bidding Procedure for Non-Public Projects for the perimeter fencing improvements. Mesa Fence Company was the only contractor to submit a bid for consideration. All other contractors declined to submit a bid. The I.T. Department obtained quotes for the security camera upgrade portion of the project.

Mesa Fence Company has submitted a bid in the amount of \$110,656 to remove and install the upgraded fencing, including the proposed Civic Center parking area. CDW-G has provided a quote of \$11,449.76 for a security camera upgrade.

### **Fiscal Impact:**

This project has been included as a line item within the budget amendment item presented at this meeting. The cost for the Police Department perimeter security enhancement will be paid out of General Fund Account 100-600-8014. Removal and

installation of perimeter fencing will be \$110,656 and upgrades to the security cameras are quoted to be \$11,449.76.

**Recommended Action:**

Approve the acquisition of 11,570 square feet of the Civic Center parking for additional secured parking,  
Approve a Public Works Agreement with Mesa Fence Company for upgraded perimeter security fencing for the Police Department in an amount not to exceed \$110,656, and  
Approve the purchase of upgrades to the security camera system in the amount of \$11,449.76.

**Attachments:**

- A. Public Works Agreement with Mesa Fence
- B. Public Works Contract
- C. Mesa Fence Company Bid Proposal
- D. CDW-G Quote
- E. Diagram of Wrought Iron Fence Proposal