



STAFF REPORT	
SUBJECT: Contract with Flock Safety for ALPR Cameras	MEETING DATE: December 7, 2023
SUBMITTED BY: Tim Hobbs, Chief of Police	
PURPOSE OF REPORT: <input type="checkbox"/> Information only <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Item	

WHAT IS BEING ASKED OF THE CITY COUNCIL/BOARD:

Authorize the Chief of Police to enter into a 5-year contract with Flock Safety for (ALPR) cameras and adopt Resolution No. 2023-48 waiving the competitive formal bidding process.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

The Police Department currently has thirty (30) stationary Automatic License Plate Reader (ALPR) cameras throughout the city that were purchased from and installed by Flock Safety. Flock Safety provides maintenance for the cameras and provides the software the cameras use.

The City Council approved the original agreement with Flock Safety in December 2018 and an update in January 2021.

We are currently on a year-to-year agreement with Flock Safety. The agreement is based on a per-camera count. Recently the department became aware that there would be a substantial increase in the cost to operate the Flock Safety ALPR system for any customer that is not on a 5-year agreement. The additional expense would cost the Department an additional \$32,320 per year, above the \$55,480 per year we are currently paying.

Flock Safety has provided the Department with an option to keep our cost near what we currently pay. The proposed agreement has an annual cost of \$55,880.

This proposed agreement retains the use of our existing ALPR cameras from Flock Safety and allows the Clearlake Police Department to have access to the data at a locked-in rate of \$55,880 per year for the next five years.

The Police Department has identified Flock Safety as the sole vendor for our currently installed ALPR cameras. Flock Safety data is compatible with the Department's digital evidence storage system. The retention of ALPR data is configurable to the Police Department's specifications to adhere to local and state requirements. The Department controls who can access data captured by our cameras.

Staff recommends the City Council waive competitive bidding and approve the Chief of Police to enter into a 5-year agreement with Flock Safety for the continued use of our current fixed ALPR cameras. Staff also recommends the City Council further authorize the Chief of Police, with the approval of the City Manager, to add additional cameras to the agreement during the term of the agreement. The additional camera may include Flock Condor cameras or equivalent.

OPTIONS:

1. Authorize the Chief of Police to enter into a 5-year contract with Flock Safety for the purchase of ALPR cameras and adopt Resolution No. 2023-48, waiving the competitive formal bidding process.
2. Provide direction to staff

FISCAL IMPACT:

None \$55,880.60 Budgeted Item? Yes No

Budget Adjustment Needed? Yes No If yes, amount of appropriation increase: \$

Affected fund(s): General Fund Measure P Fund Measure V Fund Other: SLESF

Comments: The total cost of the 5-year agreement is \$279,400, with a per-year cost of \$55,880.00 per year.

STRATEGIC PLAN IMPACT:

- Goal #1: Make Clearlake a Visibly Cleaner City
- Goal #2: Make Clearlake a Statistically Safer City
- Goal #3: Improve the Quality of Life in Clearlake with Improved Public Facilities
- Goal #4: Improve the Image of Clearlake
- Goal #5: Ensure Fiscal Sustainability of City
- Goal #6: Update Policies and Procedures to Current Government Standards
- Goal #7: Support Economic Development

SUGGESTED MOTIONS:

1. Authorize the Chief of Police to enter into a 5-year contract with Flock Safety for the purchase of ALPR cameras and adopt Resolution No. 2023-48, waiving the competitive formal bidding process.

- Attachments:**
 - 1) Flock Safety Agreement
 - 2) Resolution NO. 2023-48