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TO: EUSTIS CITY COMMISSION

FROM: Tom Carrino, City Manager

DATE: February 1st, 2024

RE: Resolution 24-15 Approving a Photo Enforcement Services Agreement with Altumint, Inc.

Introduction:

Resolution Number 24-15 authorizes the City Manager to execute a Photo Enforcement Services Agreement with Altumint, Inc. consistent with Chapter 2023-174 of the Laws of Florida.

Recommended Action:

The administration recommends approval of Resolution Number 24-15.

Background:

As of July 2023, the State of Florida has approved the use of cameras to enforce speeding in school zones as part of House Bill 657. Vehicles in excess of 10 mph above the speed limit can be issued a municipal citation of \$100. The school zone cameras are active for the entirety of the school day, plus 30 minutes before and 30 minutes after, per the legislation.

On February 1, 2024, the Eustis City Commission approved Ordinance 24-11, which established a School Zone Speed Enforcement Program.

Consistent with state statute, Ordinance 24-11 included traffic study data that showed the school zones in Eustis constitute a heightened safety risk that warrants additional traffic enforcement measures. The Police Department believes there is a need for additional enforcement in these areas and school zone cameras have the potential to dramatically limit the number of vehicles speeding.

By partnering with Altumint, the Police Department is employing a force multiplier to ensure the schools zones are enforced more effectively. Altumint then helps to streamline the process and eliminate the hiring of exponentially more staff by mailing and handling the payments of the citations issued.

Studies have shown that a child struck by a vehicle going 20 mph or less has a 90% survival rate. That number drops to 50% at 30 mph and at 40 mph the chance of survival is less than a 10%. Having an automated speed enforcement system in the

school zones will encourage drivers to pay more attention when entering school zones, thus decreasing the likelihood of a serious accident involving a child.

The draft agreement includes several key provisions. Altumint will provide the necessary monitoring equipment and provide ongoing maintenance/support of the system. They will also provide a number of administrative services, including mailing citations, processing payments, and providing a customer service call center. The agreement also allows for the necessary training and support for City staff involved in the process. The term of the agreement is five years with two, three-year extensions. The system is provided to the City on a cost-neutral basis, which means the City has no out-of-pocket expenses as Altumint retains their fees out of the fines collected.

Community Input:

There will be an opportunity for public input at the City Commission meeting on February 1, 2024.

Budget/Staff Impact:

There is no direct cost to the City of Eustis per the Altumint contract. The agreement does allow Altumint to retain \$3,499 per monitoring system per month in fines collected.

Specific staff will have to be trained and certified to review municipal traffic citations. Altumint will provide the training necessary to certify the selected staff.

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