



STAFF REPORT

CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA

TO: City Council Regular Session. **MEETING DATE:** June 20, 2023
FROM: Mike Null, Asst. City Manager
SUBJECT: City Council Approval to issue a purchase order in the amount of \$60,495.50 to Tampa Crane & Body to install cameras on 17 large city trucks. *Mike Null*

BACKGROUND

Mediated settlements in vehicle accidents involving city vehicles have increased considerably in dollar amount of the settlements in recent months. Often, it is difficult to determine definitively who is at fault. This prompted staff to investigate the installation of cameras on our larger city vehicles as they seem to be more likely to be involved in an accident and can cause more damage due to their size.

All companies that we contacted recommended 3rd Eye brand camera systems. We received two quotes and a “no quote”. The low quote was provided by Tampa Crane & Body at an installed price of \$3,558.55 per vehicle. Staff has identified 17 large trucks that are often on the road for the cameras to be installed. The plan is to install one forward-facing, one rear-facing and one driver-facing camera. The quote is to install these cameras with an SD Card memory that will record up to 60 days. The cameras will record anytime the ignition is on and mark any “event”. While the cameras are capable of GPS tracking, livestream, route plotting, documenting time, location and a photo of every stop / pick-up, staff feels that there is not a need for these additional features at this time. However, they can be added at any time and would require cellular service for each vehicle as well.

Staff is requesting that Council waive the formal bidding procedures for this purchase as allowed by our Purchasing Policies, as a formal bid is likely to result in much higher pricing due to bidding and bonding requirements. Additionally, staff is requesting approval of this purchase.

FISCAL IMPACT

To be charged to each respective department operating budget. Most vehicles are in either Electric or Solid Waste.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve issuance of a purchase order in the amount of \$60,495.50 to Tampa Crane & Body to install cameras on 17 large city trucks.