



Memorandum

Date: August 19th, 2024

To: Mayor and City Council

Re: Flock Camera System

Mayor and City Council Members,

The Spring Lake Park Police Department has been a part of the Anoka County Auto Theft Task since I was in investigations many years ago. In the last few years the Auto Theft Task Force and other areas of Law Enforcement have been utilizing License Plate Reader cameras or LPR's to combat auto theft and other forms of crime nationwide. The Anoka County Auto Theft Task force has used LPR cameras over the years and has recently started using a camera system called the Flock Safety System. Flock Systems has several different styles of cameras including fixed and movable cameras. The Flock System also includes a robust cloud-based sharing program which allows users to view all Flock cameras in an area. Agencies in our area using the Flock System include Blaine, Fridley, Coon Rapids, Columbia Heights and the Sheriff's office. We would need to purchase two cameras to have access to the cloud-based sharing program.

I have reached out to Flock Systems and requested a quote for the two cameras including installation and implementation. The quote came in at \$6,800.00 for two cameras for the first year. If we chose to continue the program the annual reoccurring cost would be \$6,000.00.

I was approached this year again by Keith Swaggert, the owner of Perfect 10 Auto Sales, about donating money to the Police Department for a project. I explained the Flock System to Mr. Swaggert and he believes this would be a perfect project to partner with the Police Department and City on. Mr. Swaggert has agreed to pay for one Flock camera up to \$3,000.00. I am requesting that the City cover the cost of the second camera.

I have spoken with Administrator Buchholtz and we believe the perfect funding source for the second camera would be the Traffic Education Program money. If approved by the council Flock systems would install the cameras at Able St. and County Road 10 and Able St. and Osborne Rd. We would use the next year to evaluate whether we should continue on for another year.

I am requesting that the city council approve a one-year contract with Flock Systems pending execution of the contract. The city council would be approving an expenditure of \$3,800.00 out of the Traffic Enforcement Program fund.

Thank you,

Chief Josh Antoine