



CITY OF PALM DESERT
CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

Date: February 15, 2024
To: Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers
From: Anthony J. Mejia, City Clerk
Subject: City Council Meeting of February 15, 2024

Below you will find questions received from the Mayor or Councilmembers and answers provided by City staff regarding tonight's City Council meeting:

ITEM 13h: APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH FLOCK SAFETY FOR AUTOMATED LICENSE PLATE RECOGNITION SOFTWARE SUBSCRIPTION FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS

Q1: Is there an update on the economic impact, such as property recovery?

A1: The ALPR software and CAD system are not designed to capture this information. This requires manual interpretation of reports to extract the data, which requires a significant number of staff hours from the Sheriff's department and will need time to compile this information to provide specifics. The current reporting has been the cumulative number of arrests and property recovered, which for ALPR Assisted Investigations are total arrests: 65, total amount recovered: \$437,200.

Q2: Any updates on the narcotics and weapons intercepted?

A2: The narcotic and weapons recovery are to highlight significant incidents which is provided by the Public Safety Committee, and in the Palm Desert Significant Incident Reports. For example: On December 8, 2023, at 5:15 p.m., deputies received a flock notification of a stolen motorcycle on Monterey Avenue. The deputies located the motorcycle at The Shops on El Paseo. After a short foot pursuit, a male from Yucaipa was arrested for possession of a stolen motorcycle, a stolen handgun, and 13 grams of methamphetamine.

Q3: Will Palm Desert continue to opt out of external agencies, so that only those with warrants can access?

A3: The City has complied with state law since inception of the roll out of the program. Palm Desert data is only shared with California agencies as permitted by state law. Any outside-of-the-state requests will be sent in writing and reviewed by the Sheriff's Department. Authorization will be provided for that specific case and have a limited amount of time to access the data.

Q4: Will we ensure that we maintain ownership of all data and opt into the transparency dashboard portal?

A4: The City will continue to maintain ownership of all data. This agreement continues those requirements. Additionally, the City publishes the transparency portal data monthly via the Weekly Administrative Report and at the Public Safety Committee Meetings. The data is verified by city staff to ensure compliance with state law.

ITEM 13q: RECEIVE AND FILE REPORT RELATED TO TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX COMPLIANCE PROGRAM PERFORMED ON COLLECTIONS RECEIVED DURING FISCAL YEARS 2018-2019 THROUGH 2020-2021 AND WAIVE CERTAIN FINDINGS

Q1: Is 30% a normal rate established for contingency fees?

A1: Yes. For compliance programs we typically see anywhere from 30-35% as their rate in proposals.

ITEM 13v: RATIFY A LETTER TO THE CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE URGING THE PROTECTION OF DEDICATED REGIONAL EARLY ACTION PLANNING GRANTS PROGRAM FUNDING

Due to recent changes in the Legislature's leadership, the subject letter has been updated to reflect the current officeholders. There are no changes to the content of the letter.