

CITY OF PALM DESERT STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: December 14, 2023

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REQUEST: APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO CONTRACT NO. C43220 WITH FLOCK SAFETY FOR PHASE 3 OF A FIXED LOCATION AUTOMATED LICENSE PLATE RECOGNITION (ALPR) SYSTEM

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Approve Amendment No. 2 to Contract No. C43220 with Flock Safety for Phase 3 of a fixed location Automated License Plate Recognition system in the amount of \$40,000 in the first year and \$33,000 each year thereafter, subject to annual budget appropriation.
2. Authorize the City Attorney to make necessary, non-monetary changes to the Agreement.
3. Authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement and any documents necessary to effectuate the actions taken herewith.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

On June 9, 2022, the City Council awarded a contract to Flock Safety for the deployment of 49 ALPR cameras. This award included Flock Safety participating in a Request for Proposal (RFP) process and being reviewed and recommended by a committee comprised of Council, Public Safety Commissioners, Riverside County Sheriff's Department, and City staff.

On March 23, 2023, the City Council approved Contract No. C43220 with Flock Safety for phase 2 of a fixed location ALPR system in the amount of \$151,050 in the first year and \$132,500 each year thereafter.

Flock Safety contracts with over 1,000 cities and 1,500 law enforcement agencies across the country. They currently contract with the Riverside County Sheriff's Department together with 20 out of 28 cities within the county, including Indian Wells, Palm Springs, and Rancho Mirage.

The system became operational in October 2022. Since that time, it has proven to be an effective force multiplier for the Riverside County Sheriff's Department (RCSD) leading to the apprehension of criminals faster, quicker closure of cases, and being able to help RCSD solve cases that they could not without this technology. Palm Desert's ALPR system has supported RCSD in the following examples:

- RCSD apprehended an individual suspected of committing credit card fraud. The suspect was located and tracked down using the ALPR cameras, which aided the deputies in their investigation and ultimately led to the arrest.
- Ulta Beauty in Palm Desert experienced multiple Organized Retail Thefts. The suspect vehicles were located using the ALPR system in which all suspects were arrested.
- Six suspects involved in the Brandon Boswell Jewelers robbery on El Paseo were arrested after an extensive investigation that relied heavily on ALPR technology.

Phase 3 of the ALPR system will be deployed specifically to enhance the coverage and safety of the El Paseo business district. With the recent criminal activity in this area, the Sheriff's Department has evaluated ways to enhance its safety, which includes installation of additional ALPR cameras. ALPR has assisted in the quick apprehension of criminals from activity in this area and additional ALPR cameras will aid in that effort.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

This project will be paid from the anticipated savings of the lower rate for professional services from the police service contract in account number 1104210-4304000.

ALPR

	Year 1	Each Year Thereafter	# of Cameras
<i>Phase 1</i>	\$140,050	\$ 126,000	49
<i>Phase 2</i>	\$151,050	\$ 132,500	53
<i>Phase 3</i>	\$40,000	\$33,000	11
<i>Total</i>	\$331,100	\$291,500	113

ATTACHMENT:

1. Amendment No. 2 to the Agreement
2. Flock quote