



MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Danny Barton, Chief of Police

Date: March 26, 2024

Reference: Consider approval of Sole Source contract with Flock Safety for Automated License Plate Readers (LPRs), in the amount of \$116,650.00; as provided from the Crime Control and Prevention District (CCPD) Fund; and authorizing the City Manager to sign any necessary documents.

2040: Apply 'Smart City' Approach to Resource Management

Introduction:

The purpose of this agenda item is to consider approval of a contract with Flock Group, Inc. for ALPR, in the amount of \$116,650.00; as provided from the Crime Control and Prevention District; and authorizing the City Manager to sign any necessary documents.

Background:

In 2015, with City Council approval of the program, the Coppell Police Department began utilizing ALPRs, initially sourced from a different vendor. Since inception, the program has been funded through the Crime Control and Prevention District. During this period of time, over half of the ALPR units have reached their end of life. Many of the devices currently deployed are either malfunctioning or otherwise rendered inoperable. It has always been the intent of this program to remain flexible and expand as technology evolved. New technology supported by Flock provides law enforcement with the same capabilities as the previous vendor, with additional technology that the previous vendor does not plan to develop. The use of these cameras has proven to be a force multiplier providing law enforcement with real time automated notifications of possible suspects, stolen property, AMBER alerts, SILVER alerts, wanted subjects etc. These notifications can be sent directly to patrol officers on the street which supports proactive policing. The back-office software provides an investigative tool to identify possible suspects, increasing the chances of capturing and recovering stolen property, while providing a foundation for successful prosecution with the courts.

This contract will result in the installation of cameras at sixteen intersections, ten of those being points of city ingress and egress. The six remaining locations are interior intersections that connect major

roadways and neighborhoods. The annual recurring cost will be \$108,000, which will be included in future budget proposals. This program is funded out of the Crime Control and Prevention District.

Benefit to the Community:

The use of the Flock camera system aligns with the 2040 Vision by advancing the city's technology systems and providing reliable information to our officers in order to provide the best level of service and protection for our community.

Legal Review:

City Attorney has reviewed the contract.

Fiscal Impact:

The fiscal impact of this agenda item is \$116,650.00 for 2024, funded through Crime Control and Prevention District assigned fund balance.

The annual recurring cost will be \$108,000.00, funded through Crime Control and Prevention District

Recommendation:

The Police Department recommends approval of this item.