



## CITY OF COMMERCE AGENDA REPORT

**TO:** Honorable City Council

**Item No.** \_\_\_\_\_

**FROM:** City Manager

**SUBJECT:** A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Commerce, California, Approving the Rental of Security Camera Trailers for a 12-Month Period

**MEETING DATE:** September 10, 2024

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### **RECOMMENDATION:**

The City Council will consider approving the rental of security camera trailers for a 12-month period utilizing Measure AA funding.

### **BACKGROUND:**

The Public Safety Division does not currently have a budget specifically for technology related to crime prevention. There has been a growing interest to invest in technology as it relates to public safety.

### **ANALYSIS:**

To aid in new crime prevention strategies, staff has been researching and evaluating successful programs that utilize technology. There has been an increase in the use of camera trailers in the public and private sectors to help prevent crime or capture evidence of crime that occurs. The City of Lakewood recently obtained three camera trailers to use in their Public Safety operations from Backstreet Surveillance. Generally, these cameras provide twenty-four seven monitoring with automated recordings, lights, sirens, and are solar powered. Public sector agencies deploy these trailers into the community, at parks, or at City facilities.

Several companies were contacted. They include LVT, 2M Technology, and Back Street Surveillance. Staff received quotes to purchase or rent these trailers. LVT and Back Street Surveillance both offered rental options month to month.

### Proposals for 3 Trailers

1. Backstreet Surveillance
  - a. Purchase - \$99,609
  - b. Rental - \$17,703 startup and \$5,397 monthly (\$82,467 for a year)

2. LVT
  - a. Purchase - \$132,000
  - b. Rental - \$8,562 monthly (\$102,744 for a year)
  
3. 2M Technologies
  - a. Purchase - \$81,400

Staff recommends the rental option with Backstreet Surveillance to test the camera trailers capabilities over the next 12-months and then assess the option of purchasing the trailers. Public Safety will coordinate with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department to determine crime trends and priority locations to deploy the trailers. The severity and urgency of the crime will determine deployment locations.

On August 19, 2024, staff presented the Camera Trailer Program to the Public Safety Commission. They expressed support and interest in the new program. On August 20, 2024, staff presented this program to the Measure AA Committee to seek support for program funding. The Committee heard public comments from a resident and a Public Safety Commissioner who were in support of the program. Three of the four Committee Members that were present, recommended that the City Council approve staff's recommendation for a fiscal year budget to rent three camera trailers through Measure AA funding and select Backstreet Surveillance as the vendor. Backstreet Surveillance is the lowest rental bid and is also being utilized by the City of Lakewood Public Safety.

#### Back Street Surveillance Trailer Specifications

- 4K clarity, 30 frames per second live video
- 4 weeks stored on-demand video
- Up to 500-foot AI human detection
- 196,000 square feet of coverage
- Color night vision & long-Range IR
- Two-way communication
- 120db siren
- Live video monitoring and police dispatch
- 800 watt fast-track solar charging
- 4-day battery backup
- Mobile app access and alerts
- Lojack GPS tracker
- 10-minute setup

#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Approve staff recommendation
2. Disapprove staff recommendation
3. Provide staff with further direction

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The total amount requested from Measure AA is \$82,467. This includes the initial deposit and setup for all three trailers (\$17,703) and a monthly rental fee for all three trailers (\$5,397).

**RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN:**

This matter is applicable to the following Strategic Focus Area and Guiding Principle: Community Quality of Life – Guiding Principle 4: Support and evaluate community services, programs and events that promote healthy and quality lifestyles for our residents. Enhance public safety and social services through innovative programs that meet the needs of the residential and business communities.

Recommended by: Justin Edson, Public Safety Manager  
Approved As To Form: Noel Tapia, City Attorney  
Respectfully Submitted: Ernie Hernandez, City Manager

**ATTACHMENT:**

1. Resolution
2. Price Quote
3. Rental Terms & Conditions