



City Council Staff Report

Subject: Purchase of Flock Group Inc. Automated License Plate Reader Cameras

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Recommendation:

Adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Rocklin Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement with Flock Group Inc.

Background:

On September 13, 2022, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2022-181 approving a two-year agreement with Flock Group, Inc. to install and operate 32 automated license plate readers (ALPR) cameras throughout the City of Rocklin. At this time the Rocklin Police Department desires to add an additional six ALPR cameras to cover all of the ingress and egress locations in the City of Rocklin, and to extend the contract to a new five-year master service agreement that covers all 38 ALPR cameras.

ALPR systems include cameras that can be placed in fixed locations throughout the City. The cameras scan the license plates of passing vehicles and automatically check the information against regional and national databases to determine if vehicles are stolen, have been used in a felony crime, identify as stolen plates, missing persons, people at risk, or for any other reasons that a license plate has been reported by law enforcement. The cameras also retain images of license plates, including the time, date, and location of where the vehicle passed through the cameras active range. If a crime, missing person, hit and run collision, or other significant incident is reported later, Police Department staff can research the database for clues about possible related vehicles. The system also alerts law enforcement, in real time, if and when, these vehicles pass through an area. With the use of multiple cameras, law enforcement is able to track the movement of these vehicles throughout the city assisting patrol units in locating them.

ALPR technology has been deployed in Rocklin since 2019 and throughout the nation for even longer. Local municipalities such as Roseville, Lincoln, Auburn, and the Counties of Placer

and Sacramento are also actively utilizing this technology successfully. ALPR systems are used to enhance the enforcement and investigative capabilities, expand law enforcement's ability to analyze relevant data, and expediate the criminal investigative process of comparing vehicle license plates with lists of stolen, wanted, and other vehicles of interest. In the past ten months, Rocklin's existing ALPR cameras have led to the recovery of multiple stolen vehicles, helped in locating an at-risk missing person, were imperative in apprehending suspects responsible for two Rocklin bank robberies, assist with Organized Retail Crime efforts on a daily basis and much more. With this added technology, area law enforcement agencies are able to communicate with each other to coordinate a response to search for and locate these vehicles.

The Rocklin Police Department adopted policy 424 (Lexipol, LLC.) "Automated License Plate Readers" in July 2010, and revised it in October 2011 and April 2019. Policy 424 outlines the administration, collection and use of ALPR data which requires that restricted access to the system be for legitimate law enforcement purpose only. A copy of the policy is included as Attachment 3.

Prior to implementing an ALPR program, California Civil Code section 1798.90.55 requires the City to provide an opportunity for public comment at regularly scheduled City Council meeting. When the Rocklin Police Department originally implemented its program in 2019, an opportunity was given for public comment at a City Council meeting. There were no concerns raised by comments during this meeting. The Rocklin Police Department will continue to implement community outreach on the use of ALPR cameras by spreading awareness via several social media outlets and by holding neighborhood meetings, if necessary.

Fiscal Impact:

The total cost of year one of the agreement is \$109,900, with the cost reducing to \$98,500 for years two through five. Fifty percent of the first year's contract costs of \$49,250, plus \$11,400 in installation costs, for a total of \$60,650, is included in the Fiscal Year 2023/24 Operating Budget. The additional first-year expense of \$15,000 and remaining fifty percent balance of the first year's contract costs will be provided through anticipated operational savings within the Department's operating budget, or through the use of Asset Forfeiture funding.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. [Resolution](#)
2. [Agreement with Flock Group, Inc.](#)
3. [Rocklin Police Department Policy 424](#)