



Honorable Mayor and Members of the Hermosa Beach City Council

APPROVAL OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH FLOCK SAFETY

(Police Chief Landon Phillips)

Recommended Action:

Staff recommends City Council:

1. Approve the proposed first amendment to an agreement with Flock Safety for the lease of ten Automated License Plate Readers (ALPRs) for an additional year for a total of \$30,000 (**Attachment 1**); and
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute and the City Clerk to attest the proposed first amendment, subject to approval by the City Attorney.

Executive Summary:

The Hermosa Beach Police Department (HBPD) is currently leasing ten ALPRs from Flock Safety. These ALPRs are placed throughout the City of Hermosa Beach in several key locations. The current agreement with Flock Safety is a two-year lease and is set to expire at the end of January 2026. To continue this agreement, staff recommends the approval of the proposed first amendment to the agreement with Flock Safety for a one-year extension.

Background:

At its April 26, 2022 meeting, City Council approved the purchase of four ALPRs through Vigilant Solutions, LLC. These four ALPRs were placed in key points of entry into the City with the highest volume of cars. At its July 25, 2023 meeting, City Council approved a two-year lease agreement with Flock Safety for ten ALPRs, for total of \$61,500. Staff decided to go with Flock Safety's leasing program to reduce costs relating to maintenance, including hardware or software malfunction, and equipment replacement.

Past Council Actions

Meeting Date	Description
July 25, 2023	City Council approved a two-year lease of ten ALPRs through Flock Safety.

Discussion:

The Department’s ALPR program continues to be a critical component in technology-based crime prevention and investigative strategy. Since its implementation, the system has been routinely used to support criminal investigations, identify suspects, and assist in cases involving stolen vehicles and felony warrants. The ability to quickly search vehicle characteristics has significantly reduced investigative time and increased the likelihood of cases being solved. Currently, all Flock ALPRs are strategically positioned at key ingress and egress points throughout the city, providing valuable information given the city’s geographic layout and high daily traffic volume.

In addition, the Hermosa Beach Police Department works with authorized agencies with prior department-approval to share limited, case-specific data in accordance with established policies. It allows the ability to identify suspects involved in crimes that cross jurisdictional boundaries. Privacy and transparency continue to remain central in the use of ALPR technology. The system does not use facial recognition, collect personal identifying information, and enforce traffic violations. Data access requires a documented search reason, creating an audit trail.

Extending the lease for an additional year allows HBPD to maintain continuity of operations while further evaluating long-term technology needs, usage trends, and funding strategies. Without the amendment, existing equipment will need to be removed and there would be a loss in historical data. Staff recommends an amendment to the agreement with Flock to extend it by one year for a total of \$30,000.

Fiscal Impact:

Flock provided HBPD with a one-year renewal quote (**Attachment 2**) which would extend the current agreement for a total of \$30,000. The Department currently leases ten cameras, with the lease cost of \$3,000 per camera, per year. A total of \$30,000 was approved in the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget from the Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund for the extension.

Agreement Request		
Request Amount	FY 2025-26 Budget Dept. Account #	Total Contract Amount
\$30,000	153-2106-5405	\$30,000

Attachments:

1. Proposed First Amendment to Master Services Agreement with Flock Safety
2. One-Year Renewal Quote

Respectfully Submitted by: Joanne Loeza, Management Analyst

Concur: Landon Phillips, Police Chief

Noted for Fiscal Impact: Henry Chao, Finance Manager

Concur: Brandon Walker, Administrative Services Director

Legal Review: Jason Baltimore, Interim City Attorney

Approved: Steve Napolitano, City Manager