



CITY COUNCIL ACTION REPORT

December 4, 2007

TO: Phillip L. Nelson, City Manager

FROM: Susan A. Leirstein, Purchasing Director
Charles T. Craft, Chief of Police

SUBJECT: Bid Waiver – Purchase of Additional In-Car Video Systems

Background

- On October 16, 2006, City Council authorized the purchase and installation of in-car digital cameras and associated hardware and software. (CC Resolution #2006-10-392 – Item F2). The background behind the project has essentially remained the same, but in way of review the following is offered:
 - The new digital cameras have replaced outdated technology and captures evidence in all types of cases thereby reducing civil liability.
 - Police departments, City management and risk organizations highly recommend the use of in-car recording systems.
 - The new systems are more reliable and have reduced staff time in management of the system in all aspects.
 - Prior to purchase, an evaluation was conducted on many different systems. It was determined that the VisionHawk system, manufactured by International Police Technologies, best fit the department's needs.

Financial Considerations

- Funding for the final phase of the project is available in the Police Communications capital account #401325.7980.050.
- International Police Technologies (IPT) holds a Federal GSA contract (GS-07F-9906H) for the equipment.
- Approval to utilize the GSA Schedule for this purchase authorized by the State of Michigan Department of Management and Budget through the 1122 Counterdrug Program.

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To: Phillip L. Nelson, City Manager
Re: Bid Waiver – In-Car Video System

Legal Considerations

- IPT is a GSA contract holder and is extending federal pricing. Therefore, City management requests a bid waiver.

Policy Considerations

- The purchase of the VisionHawk in-car recording system will increase the Police Departments' efficiency through digital technology (Goals #2 – “Minimize cost and increase efficiency of City government” and #4 – “Effectively and professionally communicate internally and externally”).
- In addition, the system provides excellent evidence on a variety of criminal cases most notably, drunk driving and enables the department to reduce civil liability (Goal #1 – “Enhance the livability and safety of the community”).

Options

- City management recommends that formal bidding procedures be waived and City Council authorizes the purchase of twelve (12) in-car video systems from International Police Technologies at an estimated cost of \$67,068.00 using GSA-FSS Contract GS-07F-9906H pricing.



1122 PROGRAM



PROCUREMENT REQUEST FORM

*Please type information

LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY

Date November 28, 2007

LEA City of Troy Police Department	Purchasing Contact Susan Leirstein
Address 500 W. Big Beaver Road	City/State/Zip Code Troy, MI 48084
Phone Number (248) 524-3454	Fax Number (248) 524-9023
E-Mail Address craftct@troyml.gov	

VENDOR NAME International Police Technologies	VENDOR ADDRESS 4150 S. 87th East Ave Tulsa OK 74145
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Item Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit Price	Dollar Amount	Comparable retail price	Savings
Visionhawk digital camera	12	1	\$5,589.00	\$67,068	\$68,988.	\$1,920
Total Dollar Amount of Purchases				\$67,068	\$68,988	\$1,920

Purchase Authorized by: Title Signature	Date
SPOC Approval <i>Vernon J. Shuler</i>	Date 11-29-07

DODAAC # ALEABT AA973 Fax back to (517) 335-0046

Will be used for the City of Troy's drug enforcement program

E-1b Address of "E" Items Removed for Discussion by City Council and/or the Public

E-5 Approval of Request for Recognition as a Nonprofit Organization Status from Richard K. Gauthier, President – Christmas in Action of Oakland County, Inc.

Resolution #2006-10-390
Moved by Stine
Seconded by Fleming

RESOLVED, That Troy City Council hereby **APPROVES** the request from Christmas in Action of Oakland County, Inc., asking that they be recognized as a nonprofit organization operating in the community for the purpose of obtaining a charitable gaming license.

Yes: All-7

PUBLIC COMMENT: Limited to Items Not on the Agenda

REGULAR BUSINESS:

F-1 Appointments to Boards and Committees: a) Mayoral Appointments: No appointments b) City Council Appointments: Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities

(b) City Council Appointments

Resolution #2006-10-391
Moved by Broomfield
Seconded by Lambert

RESOLVED, That the following persons are hereby **APPOINTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL** to serve on the Boards and Committees as indicated:

Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities

Appointed by Council (9-Regular; 3-Alternate) – 3 Year Terms

O. Carlene Geier

Term Expires 11/01/09

Yes: All-7

F-2 Bid Waiver – Purchase of In-Car Video System

Resolution #2006-10-392
Moved by Lambert
Seconded by Beltramini



WHEREAS, Digital in-car video systems are a proven method of evidence gathering and liability protection;

WHEREAS, Digital in-car video systems will reduce the amount of time needed to manage, review and duplicate recordings; and

WHEREAS, International Police Technologies has offered GSA contract pricing contained in GSA-FSS Contract GS-07F-9906H for the equipment;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That formal bidding procedures are hereby **WAIVED** and a contract to purchase digital in-car video systems including hardware, software, installation and training from International Police Technologies is hereby **APPROVED** for an estimated total cost of \$291,000.00.

Yes: All-7

F-3 Papadelis v. City of Troy

(a) Authorization to File an Application for Leave to Appeal to Michigan Supreme Court

Resolution #2006-10-393a
Moved by Stine
Seconded by Beltramini

RESOLVED, That the City Attorney is hereby **AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED** to file an application for leave to appeal the decision of the Michigan Court of Appeals In *Papadelis, et al. v Troy, et al.*, Court of Appeals docket number 268920, to the Michigan Supreme Court.

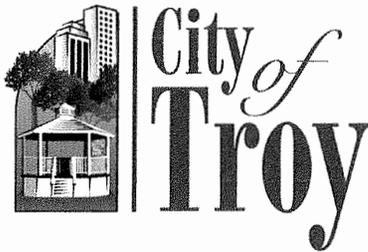
Yes: All-7

(b) Authorization to Request Assistance from the Michigan Municipal League Legal Defense Fund

Resolution #2006-10-393b
Moved by Stine
Seconded by Beltramini

WHEREAS, The City of Troy was involved in litigation with Gust Papadelis, Niki Papadelis, Telly's Greenhouse and Garden Center, Inc., and Telly's Nursery (plaintiffs) involving the use of their residentially zoned property in connection with a nursery and greenhouse business;

WHEREAS, The Oakland County Circuit Court granted a declaratory judgment in the case, holding that the aforesaid use of the residential property was protected under the Michigan Right to Farm Act and precluding the City of Troy from enforcement of its zoning ordinance provisions against plaintiffs, which include the provisions prohibiting expansion of a nonconforming use, and the provisions establishing a minimum size requirement for residential parcels to be used for agricultural purposes;



CITY COUNCIL ACTION REPORT

October 9, 2006

TO: Phillip L. Nelson, City Manager

FROM: Jeanette Bennett, Purchasing Director
Gert Paraskevin, Information Technology Director
Charles T. Craft, Chief of Police

SUBJECT: Bid Waiver – Purchase of In-Car Video System

Background:

- Approximately seven years ago the police department purchased an analog, 8mm format, in-car audio-video system. All patrol, animal control, and road patrol Police Service Aide units are equipped with recording units. The system has proven effective. It provides excellent evidence on a variety of criminal cases (most notably, drunk driving cases) and enables the department to reduce civil liability.
- The MML, MMRMA, International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) all highly recommend the use of in-car recording systems.
- Due to age and constant use, the current system is failing. Recording units work sporadically and audio quality is poor. Cars are often out of service due to camera failure and we have lost valuable evidence due to camera/recorder malfunctions. A considerable amount of staff time is spent repairing the system as well as processing and copying tapes.
- Department research determined that the system should be replaced with a digital system. The upgrade to digital technology allows for easier and quicker access to recordings, recording review via the City network, and wireless transfer of the recorded data to a server. The digital system not only provides a much higher quality recording, but also reduces the staff time required to process and copy tapes.
- Over 10 different digital in-car systems were reviewed. It was determined that the VisionHawk system, manufactured by International Police Technologies, best fits the department's needs and had the highest quality and reliability. Research included demonstrations by the various manufacturers of both the in-car equipment and the management software, interview of users of the various systems, and site visits. The VisionHawk system was found to be more user friendly, easier to learn and manage, and had the highest level of customer satisfaction. VisionHawk offers technology and features not available on other systems: such as, the capability to simultaneously record audio transmissions from multiple transmitters, and the ability for officers to monitor the audio transmissions of other officers.

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Financial Considerations:

- Funding for this project will be available from Police Communications A/C#401325.7980.050, Uniform Patrol #401315.7978.010, and Police Administration Drug Enforcement #401305.7978.065. Upon purchase of the system, the MMRMA will reimburse the City of Troy \$25,000.00.
- International Police Technologies (IPT) holds a Federal GSA contract (GS-07F-9906H) for the equipment.
- Approval to utilize the GSA Schedule for this purchase authorized by the State of Michigan Department of Management and Budget through the 1122 Counterdrug Program.

Legal Considerations:

- Since Federal bidding regulations are different than the City's, each time GSA pricing is offered, City management requests a bid waiver if federal pricing is being extended by the contract holder. In this case, IPT is the GSA contract holder.

Policy Considerations:

- The purchase of the VisionHawk in-car recording system will increase the Police Department's efficiency through digital technology (Goals #1 – "Minimize cost and increase efficiency of City government and #3 – Effectively and professionally communicate internally and externally"), and provides excellent evidence on a variety of criminal cases (most notably, drunk driving cases) and enables the department to reduce civil liability (Goal #6 - "Protect life and property").

Options:

- City management recommends that a formal bid procedure is waived, and that the City Council authorize the purchase of a digital in-car video system from International Police Technologies (IPT) at an estimated total cost of approximately \$291,000.00 using GSA-FSS Contract GS-07F-9906H pricing. This cost includes the in-car units, server, associated software, wireless transfer equipment, installation, and training.