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DATE: June 25, 2014  
TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers  
FROM: Police Department  
SUBJECT: **APPROVAL OF A PURCHASE OF NINE SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**SYNOPSIS**

Staff recommends that the City Council approve a purchase order in an amount not to exceed \$75,000 to Fenney Wireless Camera Systems (FWCS) of Eugene, Oregon for the purchase of nine surveillance cameras for the Police Department; and authorize the Financial Services Director, or designee, to execute the purchase order.

**BACKGROUND**

In 2013 the OPD had discussions with the City Manager about the installation of surveillance cameras. The City Manager gave the approval to use funds from the Neighborhood Services Department Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to go towards the purchase of the surveillance cameras. This staff report seeks the approval of City Council to move forward with the purchase of the cameras.

**ANALYSIS**

The cameras are going to be covert and used to facilitate the solving of Homicides and serious violent crime in various areas of the city. Seven of the cameras will be placed at fixed ingress/egress locations and areas of concern. Two cameras will be mobile with the ability to be moved around to different locations based on crime issues. Several recent homicides including the most recent Libby Lake incident were greatly helped by video obtained at random spots such as gas stations and banks. These videos provided clues as to vehicles and suspects but were extremely difficult to find. Another investigation has revealed that a video of homicide suspects was most likely taken, however overwritten, before investigators knew of its existence. The ability to have our own video will greatly enhance the solvability of crimes and thereby increase public safety throughout the city.

FWCS is the only vendor that the City of Oceanside could locate who can provide a complete covert camera system which works in our environment. Two of their separate camera systems of similar design and capabilities were tested during December of 2013 and March of 2014. Each of the camera systems were easily deployed and connected

to the internet without any special tools or technical support aside from 110VAC electrical connections needed to power the units. After careful consideration of all factors in each of the cameras, OPD has decided that FWCS has the best choice for the needs of the City.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The Neighborhood Services Department has designated \$32,500 towards the purchase of these cameras that will come from account number 921876800237.5330. The remaining funds will come from the Police Department; Investigations Division's general fund operating budget account number 500503101.5330. These funds will be appropriated in the 2014/15 fiscal year.

**INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**

Standard insurance requirements will be met.

**COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Police and Fire Commission will be apprised of this matter during their next meeting on July 17, 2014.

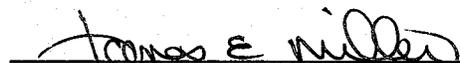
**CITY ATTORNEY'S ANALYSIS**

The referenced documents have been reviewed by the City Attorney and approved as to form.

**RECOMMENDATION**

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