



AGENDA REPORT

Police Department

DATE:	January 21, 2025
TO:	Mayor Martinez and Members of the City Council
FROM:	Bisa French, Chief of Police
Subject:	Approve a third contract amendment with Flock Group Inc.
FINANCIAL IMPACT:	Recurring annual costs of \$408,500 will continue to come from the approved Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Richmond Police Department budget; additional costs will be covered by the respective Department budgets – account string 01191021-400209.
PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:	April 2, 2024 November 7, 2023 September 19, 2023 February 28, 2023 February 21, 2023
STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE:	Police Department staff requests additional funding to add additional Automated License Plate Readers and Pan Tilt Zoom cameras for City of Richmond facilities and city streets.
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	APPROVE a third contract amendment with Flock Group to increase the contract expenditure by \$1,000,000, for a total not to exceed \$2,037,000 with a term beginning March 1, 2023, and ending on February 28, 2026 – Police Department (Bisa French, 510-621-1802).

DISCUSSION:

On February 28, 2023, the City of Richmond entered into an agreement with Flock Safety for Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) equipment, and on September 19, 2023, staff requested additional funding to deploy Flock Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) cameras that have features such as Pan Tilt Zoom (PTZ), to replace its aging Axis CCTV system.

Police Department staff requests additional funding to expand its Automated License Plate Reader and CCTV program to include City facilities, such as the Corporation Yard, Employment and Training building, libraries, parks, recreation centers, Civic Center Plaza, etc.; and will install additional Flock cameras on city streets to combat illegal dumping, sideshows, encampments, etc.

To enhance public safety, with additional funding, Police Department staff would like to purchase two mobile CCTV trailers for temporary assignments at special events or hotspot locations, add additional software required to support the camera expansion, add a Flock OS fusion center that will allow Police Department staff to monitor all cameras from a secure location at the Police Department and replace the current CCTV room. Additionally, funding will be used for the replacement of damaged equipment because of theft and/or vandalism. On average additional cameras add roughly \$2,800 to \$3,800 (depending on the type) to the ongoing annual fees, and replacement costs vary based on the cost of the hardware and labor.

As cameras are deployed, Police Department staff evaluate their efficacy to determine if the position and location are a good fit. Since some locations are dynamic and have multiple ingress and egress roads, pedestrian crossings, undeveloped areas, and hotspots for illegal dumping, etc., occasionally additional locations are identified only after installing the planned camera. Adding additional funds to the contract will allow flexibility to quickly adapt to intersections of concern, parks, city properties, etc. to ensure coverage is complete and that no camera gaps in and out are discovered and/or exploited.

Police Department staff will be responsible for the implementation of cameras, but the responsibility for funding and payment will remain with the Department making the request for additional cameras.

DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:

Attachment 1 – Proposed Third Contract Amendment

Attachment 2 – Second Contract Amendment

Attachment 3 – First Contract Amendment

Attachment 4 - Original Contract