



TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: June 16, 2015

TITLE: Motion to Approve a Proprietary Purchase - LizardQ 360 Photographic
Imaging System – Scene Capture, Inc. - \$58,500

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve the proprietary purchase of LizardQ 360 photographic imaging system from Scene Capture, Inc. in the amount of \$58,500.

Background

In November 2014, the City Commission accepted a fiscal year 2014 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne/JAG) in the amount of \$104,805. Byrne/JAG funding can be used for any local law enforcement initiative and the City is permitted to use its discretion in deciding which projects to fund. One of the approved projects funded by this grant was the purchase of scene capture equipment by the Police Department's Crime Scene Unit to document major crimes scenes.

Crime Sciences, Inc. is the only unique manufacturer that produces equipment capable of creating 360 degree images with resolution clear enough that it records spaces under a desk by bringing light into dark areas. It can record close up images of victims and weapons. It can also record images from where an eye witness might be standing and tie an emergency 911 call together with the images.

The benefit to acquiring the system is its ability to generate a panoramic replica of a location through a camera system that is capable of a high dynamic range and high resolution sphericals. The result is a clear 360 degree panoramic picture as opposed to multiple pictures. Additionally, the system permits the development of evidence close-ups and finer details that cannot be produced by the City's current equipment. Furthermore, the system is able to interface with audio and video evidence, thereby yielding a more thorough means of documenting a crime scene and enhancing materials used in court presentations.

Pursuant to Section 2-189, Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, the City may purchase proprietary items, as defined in Section 2-173, without the necessity of public bids. As defined by the Code, a proprietary item is not readily available from more than one supplier, manufacturer or person and is unique in nature. As described above, the equipment is unique in nature due to its advanced capabilities in photographing crime scenes. Scene Capture, Inc., as the United States division of Crime Sciences, Inc., is the sole provider of the LizardQ photographic imaging system.

Resource Impact

There will be a fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$58,500.

Funds available as of May 14, 2015					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (PROGRAM)	OBJECT CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Object Code)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Object Code)	PURCHASE AMOUNT
129-GLLEBG16-6499	Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance 2014	Capital Outlay/ Other Equipment	\$87,453	\$82,453	\$58,500
				PURCHASE TOTAL ►	\$ 58,500

Strategic Connections

This item is a Commission Annual Action Plan priority, included within the Policy Agenda, advancing the Crime Reduction Strategy and Action Plan.

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included within the Public Safety Cylinders of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- Goal 9: Be the safest urban coastal City in South Florida through preventative and responsive police and fire protection.
- Objective 1: Prevent and solve crime in all neighborhoods.

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We are Community*.

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – Sole Source Letters

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