



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#15-0405

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

FROM: Lee Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: April 7, 2015

TITLE: Discussion of Red Light Camera System

Based upon the Court's Order in the case of City of Fort Lauderdale vs. Welsh, effective 12:01 am on March 6, 2015 I temporarily suspended the City's Red Light Traffic Camera program until such time as I could receive further guidance from the Mayor and City Commission.

In the Welsh case, the Court found that the procedures used by the City in accordance with its contract with American Traffic Solutions (ATS) violate the requirements of Section 316.0083, Florida Statutes in that the City's representative does not actually create or issue the Uniform Traffic Citation and pursuant to the Business Rules Questionnaire the City has given ATS unfettered discretion in determining who receives a citation, in direct violation of Section 316.0083, Florida Statutes.

For the Commission's information, the chart below reflects the historic revenue and expenses associated with the program.

Red Light Camera						
	FY 2010 Actual	FY 2011 Actual	FY 2012 Actual	FY 2013 Actual	FY 2014 Actual	FY 2015 YTD Actual as of March 6, 2015
Red Light Fines	-	732,830	856,559	1,357,890	1,260,166	425,186
Courts Red Light	-	-	156,226	196,082	195,434	80,536
Red Light Magistrate	-	-	-	35	11,542	9,625
Total Red Light Revenues	-	732,830	1,012,785	1,554,007	1,467,142	515,347
Expenditures						
Personal Services	1,517	301,283	438,330	388,570	369,417	157,057
Operating Expense	913	352,655	310,827	1,052,062	1,616,254	275,541
Total Red Light Expenditures	2,430	653,938	749,156	1,440,632	1,985,671	432,598
Net Revenue	(2,430)	78,892	263,629	113,375	(518,529)	82,749

At the March 17, 2015 City Conference Meeting, ATS presented an update on their program with the City. A copy of that presentation is attached as Exhibit 6.

As a result of the Conference Meeting, ATS has communicated the following proposal. The proposal provides for the following amendment to the City's agreement with ATS:

- Reduction of per month camera fee from \$4,250 to \$4,000
- Additional credit of \$705 per camera per month
- Abatement of fees on a month-to-month basis and providing that the agreement is extended one month for each month of abatement up to 24 months.

Strategic Connections:

This item is a Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018 initiative, included within the Internal Support Cylinder of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- Goal 12: Be a leading government organization, managing our resources wisely and sustainably.

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We Are Ready*

Attachment:

Exhibit 1 – City of Fort Lauderdale vs. Welsh – Order

Exhibit 2 – Section 316.0083, Florida Statutes

Exhibit 3 – ATS Agreement dated January 14, 2010

Exhibit 4 – First Amendment to ATS Agreement dated August 3, 2010

Exhibit 5 – Second Amendment to ATS Agreement dated April 5, 2013

Exhibit 6 – ATS Presentation dated March 17, 2015

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