



Legislation Text

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Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to issue a Purchase Order to FLIR Detection, Inc. for the purchase of SkyWatch Mobile Surveillance Tower and other surveillance equipment.

The proposed resolution would authorize the purchase of a second SkyWatch Mobile Surveillance Tower and other equipment for use by the Police Department and the FBI's Violent Crimes Task Force in monitoring large-crowd and other surveillance events. The Department for many years has provided personnel to the Central Texas task force to help investigate bank robberies and other violent crimes in our region.

The FBI will provide \$132,500.00 in reimbursement funding that is available through its Joint Law Enforcement Operations funding provided by asset forfeitures to the Justice Department. Those funds will be used to fully purchase two laptop computers for FBI task force personnel and pay a portion of the cost of a fully-outfitted SkyWatch Tower. The total project cost, however, is \$182,305.07. The Police Department will fund the balance of this project cost (\$49,805.07) from salary savings.

These purchases will follow normal City procurement rules, with the SkyWatch Tower purchased as a sole-source procurement. The FBI and Police Department in July enacted an amended Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) regarding the use of FBI funds for this purpose. Under the terms of that MOU, the Department agrees to track the purchase equipment in its regular asset management system, perform an annual inventory of all equipment purchased, and produce such records upon request by the FBI. The City also agrees to invoice the FBI for the purchases by September 15.

Cost: \$182,305.07

Source of Funds: FBI and General Fund