

## **RESOLUTION NO. 24-148 C.S.**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY**

#### **AUTHORIZING FLOCK GROUP, INC. AUTOMATED LICENSE PLATE RECOGNITION (ALPR) EQUIPMENT PURCHASE AND THREE-YEAR SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE OPTION TO RENEW FOR AN ADDITIONAL TWO YEARS FOR \$651,900 AND AUTHORIZE THE APPROPRIATION OF NEIGHBORHOOD AND COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM **\*\*\* (NCIP) \*\*\*** FUNDS TO FUND THE PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the City of Monterey Police Department would like to enter into a contract with Flock Group, Inc. to purchase Automated License Plate Recognition (ALPR) technology and a three-year service agreement with the option to renew for an additional two years;

WHEREAS, the Monterey Police Department adopted an ALPR policy that was approved by the Monterey City Council after a public hearing as required by law;

WHEREAS, the Monterey Police Department does not currently have an ALPR system. Flock Group, Inc. provides a cloud-based solar and battery-powered camera system that utilizes a cellular network. Flock Group, Inc. provides the installation, maintenance, and quality control of the ALPR camera system, which is included in the initial and annual cost. Implementing technology of this type will allow the Monterey Police Department to utilize the most contemporary technologies to assist in identifying those involved in crime, including violent crime, retail theft, and other criminal activity;

WHEREAS, Monterey City Code section 28-15(c)(3) allows for an exemption from formal bidding requirements in cases where the contract or purchase is capable of being performed through purchasing contracts negotiated by another governmental agency that utilized acceptable bidding procedures ("piggyback" agreements). This acquisition will be purchased from Flock Group, Inc. by "piggybacking" the Flock Group's contract with the City of Redwood City. The Finance Director, or her designee, approved the piggyback request on September 4, 2024. The pending purchase will total \$651,900, including sales tax and delivery;

WHEREAS, NCIP project nip2313 was approved and funded at \$40,000 by the City Council on September 20, 2022, with Resolution No. 22-131, and the NCIP Committee has also recommended that City Council approve and fund the purchase and installation of ALPR cameras and associated equipment in neighborhoods across the City during the FY 2024/2025 NCIP cycle. The recommended level of funding for the FY 2024/25 NCIP ALPR project is \$130,000. These two projects will provide NCIP funding for FY 2024/25 in the amount of \$170,000. Funding for future years will be included in future budgets and will be coming from the General Fund with potential contributions from the NCIP;

WHEREAS, the NCIP ALPR project has been identified for early adoption and funding this year to meet the existing need and timing of the contract award identified by the Monterey Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the City of Monterey Planning Office determined the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines (Article 19, Section 15301, Class 1 and Article 19, Section 15303, Class 3) because the project consists of the installation of a citywide ALPR camera system either on existing poles or new poles. Furthermore, the project

does not qualify for any of the exceptions to the categorical exemptions found at CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2.

Exception a - Location. Classes 3, 4, 5, 6, and 11 are qualified by consideration of where the project is to be located -a project that is ordinarily insignificant in its impact on the environment may in a particularly sensitive environment be significant. Therefore, these classes are considered to apply in all instances, except where the project may have an impact on an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies. Exception a – Location – does not apply to projects which are exempt under Class 1.

Exception b - Cumulative Impact. All exemptions for these classes are inapplicable when the cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time is significant. There would be no cumulative impact because the project involves both the installation of ALPR cameras on existing poles and a limited number of new poles.

Exception c - Significant Effect. A categorical exemption shall not be used for an activity where there is a reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances. No unusual circumstances are anticipated due to improvements' limited scope and distinct locations.

Exception d - Scenic Highways. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may result in damage to scenic resources, including but not limited to, trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources, within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway. This does not apply to improvements which are required as mitigation by an adopted negative declaration or certified Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The project would not be visible from a scenic highway.

Exception e - Hazardous Waste Sites. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project located on a site which is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code. No impact to sites included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government code would occur.

Exception f - Historical Resources. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource. The project would not impact historic resources as the cameras will be installed on buildings. The majority of the ALPR cameras will be installed on existing poles. Of the ALPR cameras that will be installed on new poles, only a limited number of poles are located in an area of high archeological sensitivity as shown in the General Plan EIR. A footing will be required for the new poles. These installations will require that in the event of unanticipated remains are discovered that the appropriate procedures set forth in California Public Resources Code Section 5097.98 and State Health and Safety Code Section 7050.5 are followed. Therefore, the project would not have an impact on historical or archeological resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY that the above recitals are true and correct and are hereby incorporated and adopted as findings of the City Council as if fully set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY that it hereby authorizes the City Manager, or his designee, to appropriate

\$170,000 in NCIP funds in FY 2024/25 and FY 2025/26 for the ALPR program and contract with Flock Group, Inc. to purchase the Flock ALPR system and the three-year service agreement with options to renew for two additional years.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY this 17th day of September, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES:	5	COUNCILMEMBERS:	Barber, Garcia, Haffa, Smith, Williamson
NOES:	0	COUNCILMEMBERS:	None
ABSENT:	0	COUNCILMEMBERS:	None
ABSTAIN:	0	COUNCILMEMBERS:	None

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Signed by:

*Tyler Williamson*

Mayor of said City

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City Clerk thereof