

AGENDA REPO

MEETING DATE:

July 12, 2011

Council Item (X) CRA Item ()

TITLE:

Notice of Termination to Redflex Traffic Systems, Inc. for

Red Light Camera Agreement

PRESENTED BY:

Betsy Adams, City Manager

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to provide Redflex written

notification that the City will not be extending the current five

year contract beyond April 24, 2012.

BACKGROUND:

On April 24, 2007 the City Council authorized staff to enter into a 5-year agreement with Redflex Traffic Systems, Inc. (Redflex) for the implementation of an automated red light photo enforcement program. Automated red light cameras are typically installed at intersections where data has shown high frequency of traffic collisions likely caused by red light running and/or a high level of traffic violations. In 2007, Redflex installed four cameras at two intersections in Grand Terrace:

- 1. Barton Road at Michigan Street
- 2. Barton Road at Mt. Vernon Avenue

DISCUSSION:

The goals of the City's red light photo enforcement program were to reduce the number of fatalities, serious injuries, and property damage that result from city-wide traffic collisions and to improve safety for motorist and pedestrians at locations where cameras are in place.

In addition, there was an expectation that citation revenue would cover the cost of the program and provide some additional revenue for the City, which never came to fruition. This coupled with the increased workload the program created for the Finance Department and the Sheriff's Department is the fiscal reason for not extending the program.

At Council Meetings on September 14, 2010 and November 9, 2010, during discussions on the resolution of past due payments to Redflex, the Council indicated a desire to terminate the agreement with Redflex, which does not include an early termination clause. This does not preclude the Council from providing Redflex with early notice of the City's intent to not renew the agreement, which would be through approval of the recommendation in this staff report.

FISCAL IMPACT:

If the City does not renew the agreement with Redflex, the cost neutrality section of the agreement (Exhibit "D" Compensation & Pricing) requires the following:

"1. In the event that the contract ends or is terminated and an invoiced balance is still owed to Redflex, all subsequent receipts from automated red light violations for a period of 12 months from date of termination will be applied to such balance and paid to Redflex."

Staff anticipates there will be an invoiced balance owed to Redflex when the agreement terminates on April 24, 2012.

Respectfully submitted:

Stephanie Mercado

Intern, City Managers Office

Manager Approval:

Betsy M. Adams, City Manager

ATTACHMENTS:

None