



Internal Memo

July 13, 2020

TO: Mark C. Meyers, City Administrator

FROM: Jon Gale, Chief of Police

SUBJECT: Purchase Authorization – Avigilon Intersection video cameras

As you know the Police Department has utilized in-car video for several years and added body worn cameras two years ago. The benefits of video include transparency, accountability, officer oversight and evidentiary value. I would like to expand these benefits to include strategically placed cameras at intersections to assist with solving crimes, increasing the effectiveness of traffic flow and traffic safety. Purchase for the Avigilon intersection camera project system was included in the FY-2021 Capital Improvement and Tax Incremental Finance Authority (TIFA) budgets.

The FY-2021 Capital Improvement and TIFA funds include appropriations of \$50,000 and \$136,000 respectively. The total cost of the sole source purchase through the MIDEAL program will be \$185,851. This price will include three years of remote connectivity and support services which include the follow intersections;

Sternberg / Harvey
Grand Haven / Sternberg
Grand Haven / Pontaluna
Seaway /Grand Haven
Seaway / Norton Ave.

This program has been researched for several years and Police Administration has found this system to be the best fit for our community. Many other community organizations utilize this system which will bring these organizations together under one system. The organizations who currently utilize Avigilon are: Mona Shores Schools, Muskegon Area Intermediate School District and Mercy Health.

Quick accurate video evidence is crucial in emergency and non-emergency uses. This video system could have solved many high-profile crimes experienced in the last several years. These cases may have been solved in minutes or hours instead of months and years.

Attached is the proposal from Avigilon Video Solution along with the MiDEAL sole source justification sheet for the purchase of the five intersection cameras, connectivity, and support services. Purchasing through a cooperative contract is in compliance with the City's ordinance.

I would like Lt. Marc VanderStelt to discuss this purchase at the upcoming City Council Work Session on July 28,2020.
