

City of Port Arthur, Texas

Mayor and City Council Communication

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RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the purchase of three (3) "Mobile License Plate Readers" from DALLAS DODGE, DALLAS, TEXAS through HGAC for the Police Department. The cost of this purchase is \$53,410.00.

BACKGROUND:

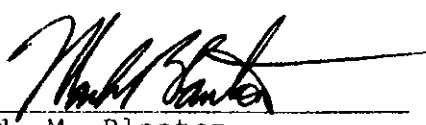
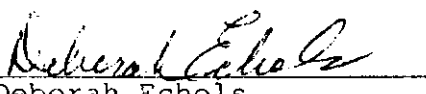
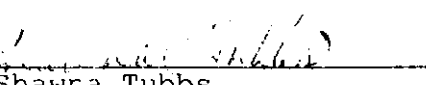
In January 2010, the Police Department implemented the three new License Plate Reader cars, which were approved by council last year. The Police Department had a press conference with all area media in attendance and explained the technology in depth. On February 23rd and 24th, the Traffic Enforcement Unit conducted a Warrant Sting where all three of these special units were utilized. Over this two day period, 79 arrests were made with a total of \$111,951.00 in fines. A similar one day sting was conducted last week netting 35 arrests for a total amount of \$52,286.00. As of 4/12/10, the cameras have resulted in the arrest of 148 persons and a total of over \$216,000.00. The Police Department wishes to extend our fleet of L.P.R. cars with an additional three units, for a total of six.

BUDGETARY/FISCAL IMPACT:

Funds are available in the JAG "ARRA" 2009 grant account 138-1118-521.92-00, for this purchase.

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<u>STAFFING/EMPLOYEE EFFECT:</u> Authorization of this purchase will not affect staffing. <u>SUMMARY:</u> It is recommended that the City Council authorize the purchase of three (3) "Mobile License Plate Readers" from DALLAS DODGE, DALLAS, TEXAS through HGAC for the Police Department. The cost of this purchase is \$53,410.00.  W. M. Blanton Chief of Police  Deborah Echols Director of Finance  Shawna Tubbs Purchasing Manager			
PREPARED BY: <u>sth</u>	DISPOSITION OF CITY COUNCIL ☒ APPROVED OTHER (DESCRIBE) _____ _____		PROCESSED BY  CITY SECRETARY <u>4-20-2010</u> Date
APPROVED BY: CITY MANAGER 