

Tuesday, February 19th, 2002

Honorable Mayor and Members of
The Hermosa Beach City Council

Regular meeting of
February 26th, 2002

**PURCHASE OF DIGITAL COLOR CAMERA SYSTEM
FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT JAIL**

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that City Council:

1. Authorize the purchase and installation of a new video monitoring system for the police department jail to be accomplished by awarding a contract in the amount of \$15,494.12 to Advanced Electronics of Gardena, California.

BACKGROUND:

The police department has an existing video monitoring system, which monitors the jail, inmate-receiving area, the back area of the police station, and the police lobby. The current system is antiquated and needs replacement to insure the ability to clearly monitor and record these areas. The police department budgeted monies from the Citizen's Option for Public Safety Fund (COPS) for this purpose. On January 31st, 2002 a RFP (Request for Proposal) was published inviting sealed bids for this project. Bids were opened on February 14, 2002. The city received two bids from qualified vendors. Cityscan Technology of Los Angeles bid \$32,242.00 for the project (including installation) and Advanced Electronics of Gardena bid \$15,494.12 (including installation). Both systems offered comparable components and similar quality.

ANALYSIS:

A proper and functional video surveillance system is invaluable for providing additional monitoring capabilities in and around the police facility. It is important that the jail staff maintain the ability to safely monitor the status of inmates who are incarcerated and impartially record the status and events of incarceration from the inmate's arrival until their release. Color cameras and digital recording are the current standard for providing quality viewing, recording, and storage capabilities. A color video monitoring system is an invaluable tool that increases employee and inmate safety.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The funds required for the replacement of this equipment has been appropriated in the Citizen's Option for Public Safety Fund (COPS) for the current 2001/02 fiscal year.

Respectfully submitted:

Concur:

Michael Lavin
Chief of Police

Stephen Burrell
City Manager

Fiscal impact:

Viki Copeland, Finance Director