August 19, 2005

Mayor's Criminal Justice Planning Office
Councilmember Weiss
Councilmember Perry
Police Department
Controller, Room 300
Accounting Division, F&A
Disbursement Division

RE: SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT WITH DIGITAL RECEIVER TECHNOLOGY, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF A CELL PHONE TRACKING SYSTEM AND RELATED TRAINING SERVICES

At the meeting of the Council held AUGUST 12, 2005, the following action was taken:

Attached report adopted.................................................................
Attached motion (Weiss - Perry) adopted.............................................. X
Attached resolution adopted............................................................
FORTHWITH......................................................................................
Mayor concurred...................................................................................
To the Mayor FORTHWITH.................................................................
Motion adopted to approve communication recommendation(s).......
Motion adopted to approve committee report recommendation(s)....
Ordinance adopted..................................................................................
Ordinance number...............................................................................
In response to the recent bombings in London, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security raised the terror alert level from Yellow to Orange for mass transit systems on July 7, 2005. The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) has responded with a substantial increase in terrorism prevention activity.

Funding from the FY04 State Homeland Security Grant Program (CF 04-2499), in the amount of $260,000, was previously allocated for the purchase of a Cell Phone Tracking System (CPTS). This equipment will be used by LAPD intelligence units to rapidly track the location of suspects using a cellular telephone. The budget allocation also includes a two-week training course to ensure proficiency in using the device during field operations.

Due to the heightened alert, the LAPD is requesting the expedited purchase of the CPTS through a sole source purchase from Digital Receiver Technology (DRT). The CPTS is an essential tool to advance the LAPD's ability to gather critical local intelligence. The immediate purchase of this system will also better allow the LAPD to coordinate their work with other federal agencies during joint investigations.

The LAPD has done extensive research to determine the best product available for tracking cellular telephone calls. Most vendors only offered a product that could track phones issued by one or two cellular service providers. Conversely, DRT's equipment can track and monitor all cellular phone traffic, making it the most advanced product on the market. To match the capability of DRT's product, the LAPD would be required to purchase several individual systems from other vendors at a far greater total cost. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security has reviewed and approved this sole source purchase.

RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION:

1. APPROVE the sole source purchase, pursuant to City Charter 371 (e) (10), of the Cell Phone Tracking System, in an amount not to exceed $260,000, from Digital Receiver Technology, Inc.

2. AUTHORIZE the Mayor's Criminal Justice Planning Office, with the assistance of the LAPD, to execute a sole source contract with Digital Receiver Technology, Inc., in an amount not to exceed $260,000, for the purchase of the Cell Phone Tracking System and related training services.

PRESENTED BY: S.

SECONDED BY: S.

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LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL AUG 2 2005
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MOTION (Weiss - Perry)

ITEM NO. ()

04-2499-S4

MOTION (Weiss - Perry) relative to a Sole Source Contract with Digital Receiver Technology, Inc. for the purchase of a Cell Phone Tracking System and related training services.

Recommendations for Council action,

THE MAYOR:

1. APPROVE the Sole Source purchase (e) (10), of the Cell Phone Tracking System for $260,000, from Digital Receiver Technology, Inc.

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Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer (CAO) nor the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) has completed a financial analysis of this item.

(Public Safety Committee waived consideration of the above matter)

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ok, fine with me

Laura L. McLennan
Legislative Deputy
Councilmember Alex Padilla
213/473.5772

>>> Jeremy Robison 8/3/2005 2:00:19 PM >>>
we need to approve the contract for the purchase

>>> Laura McLennan 8/3/2005 12:23 PM >>>
sounds ok
quick question: so, Council already approved the $, now we need to approve the items that LAPD will purchase?

Laura L. McLennan
Legislative Deputy
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>>> Jeremy Robison 8/3/2005 11:42 AM >>>
Laura,
I need to waive CF #04-2499-S2 from PS Cmte. It is authorization for the LAPD to purchase a cell phone tracking device that the LAPD intel units need to acquire quickly. Funding for this equip was previously approved by Council when the grant was heard. Thanks for your help.

Jeremy Robison

CC: Adrienne Bass; Denise Sample
COUNCIL VOTE

Aug 12, 2005 10:26:19 AM, #2

Items for Which Public Hearings Have Not Been Held - Items 11-27
Voting on Item(s): 11-25, 27
Roll Call

CARDENAS  Yes
GARCETTI  Yes
GREUEL  Yes
HAHN  Yes
LABONGE  Yes
PARKS  Yes
PERRY  Yes
REYES  Yes
ROSENDAHL  Yes
SMITH  Yes
WEISS  Absent
ZINE  Absent
*PADILLA  Yes
VACANT  Absent
VACANT  Absent
Present: 11, Yes: 11 No: 0