

Tim Schaefer, Mayor Bret Daniels, Vice Mayor Jayna Karpinski-Costa, Council Member MariJane Lopez-Taff, Council Member Porsche Middleton, Council Member

## **CITY OF CITRUS HEIGHTS** CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting of Thursday, November 9, 2023 City Hall Council Chambers, 6360 Fountain Square Dr., Citrus Heights, CA Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m.

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November 3, 2023

## REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING 6:00 PM

#### CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER

- 1. Flag Salute
- 2. Roll Call: Council Members: Karpinski-Costa, Lopez-Taff, Middleton, Daniels, Schaefer
- 3. Video Statement

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

- 4. Proclamation of the City of Citrus Heights Honoring the Mesa Verde High School Girls Flag Football Team
- 5. Presentation by REACH Recognition of Good Neighbor Day Award Recipient
- 6. Proclamation of the City of Citrus Heights Recognizing November 14, 2023 as "National Police Records and Support Personnel Appreciation Day"

## **COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS AND REGIONAL BOARD UPDATES**

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

It is recommended that all consent items be acted on simultaneously unless separate discussion and/or action are requested by a Council Member.

- 7. <u>SUBJECT</u>: Approval of Minutes <u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: Approve the Minutes of the Meeting of October 26, 2023
- 8. <u>SUBJECT</u>: Appointment to Sacramento Yolo Mosquito and Vector Control District Board <u>STAFF REPORT</u>: A. Van **RECOMMENDATION**: The options for filling appointment are as follows:
  - a. Reappoint Council Member Jayna Karpinski-Costa for a term of two or four years; or
  - b. Direct staff to advertise the vacancy and accept applications for appointment

9. <u>SUBJECT</u>: Second Reading – Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights Repealing Citrus Heights Municipal Code Chapter 78, Article III. - Prohibition Against Intrusive and Unsafe Panhandling, Sections 78-50 to 78-54

STAFF REPORT: R. Jones / A. Turcotte

**RECOMMENDATION**: Adopt Ordinance No. 2023-005, An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, Repealing Citrus Heights Municipal Code Chapter 78, Article III.

- Prohibition Against Intrusive and Unsafe Panhandling, Sections 78-50 to 78-54
- 10. <u>SUBJECT</u>: FY 2023 COPS Technology and Equipment Program Funding <u>STAFF REPORT</u>: A. Turcotte / C. Kinnan <u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: Adopt Resolution No. 2023-\_\_\_ A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, Accepting FY 2023 COPS Technology and Equipment Program Grant Funds
- 11. <u>SUBJECT</u>: FY 2023 Organized Retail Theft Prevention Grant Program Funding Acceptance <u>STAFF REPORT</u>: A. Turcotte / W. Herman / C. Kinnan <u>RECOMMENDATION</u>:
  - a. Adopt Resolution No. 2023-\_\_\_ A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, Accepting FY 2023 Organized Retail Theft Prevention Grant Program Funds; and
  - Adopt Resolution No. 2023-\_\_\_ A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, Authorizing the Addition of One Full-Time Position Funded by the Organized Retail Theft Prevention Grant Program
- 12. <u>SUBJECT</u>: Sunrise Tomorrow Specific Plan On-Call Civil Engineering Services

  <u>STAFF REPORT</u>: C. Kempenaar / R. Cave / L. Blomquist

  <u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: Adopt Resolution 2023-\_\_\_ A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an On-Call Service Agreement with MacKay & Somps Engineers, Inc. for On-Call Civil Engineering Services

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

13. <u>SUBJECT</u>: 2023 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Funding <u>STAFF REPORT</u>: A. Turcotte / K. Frey / C. Kinnan <u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: Adopt Resolution No. 2023-\_\_\_ A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, Accepting 2023 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) in Accordance with State Requirements

## **REGULAR CALENDAR**

14. **SUBJECT:** Red Light Camera Program

**STAFF REPORT:** A. Turcotte / K. Frey / M. Wells

**RECOMMENDATION:** This is an informational report and no action is requested

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

### **CITY MANAGER ITEMS**

## ITEMS REQUESTED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

## **ADJOURNMENT**

## CITY OF CITRUS HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

# Special/Regular Meeting of Thursday, October 26, 2023 City Hall Council Chambers 6360 Fountain Square Dive, Citrus Heights, CA Teleconference Location – 6529 Ranch Hand Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95621

## **CALL SPECIAL MEETING TO ORDER**

The special meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Schaefer.

1. Roll Call: Council Members present: Karpinski-Costa, Lopez-Taff, Daniels (remote via

teleconference), Schaefer

Council Members absent: Middleton

Staff present at the roll call: Feeney, Jones and Van

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

## **CLOSED SESSION**

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
 Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)
 One Case (response to American Civil Liberties Union letter on ordinance)

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8

Property: APN 243-0031-006-000 (6448 Sylvan Road); APN 243-0031-872-2657 (7500 Coronado

Lane); APN 243-0031-007-0000; and APN 243-0031-023-000

Agency Negotiator: Ashley Feeney, City Manager and Ryan Jones, City Attorney Negotiating Parties: Robert Coronado and Bayside Covenant Church Citrus Heights

Under Negotiation: Price, terms of payment, or both

The City Council, City Manager and City Attorney participated in the closed session.

## REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

There was no reportable action from closed session.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Schaefer adjourned the special meeting at 5:50 p.m.

## **CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER**

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Schaefer.

1. The Flag Salute was led by Council Member Karpinski-Costa.

2. Roll Call: Council Members present: Karpinski-Costa, Lopez-Taff, Daniels (remote via

teleconference), Schaefer

Council Members absent: Middleton

Staff present: Feeney, Jones, Kempenaar, Piva, Turcotte, Van and

department directors.

3. The video statement was read by City Clerk Van.

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

<u>ACTION</u>: On a motion by Council Member Karpinski-Costa, seconded by Council Member Lopez-Taff, the City Council approved the agenda.

AYES: Karpinski-Costa, Lopez-Taff, Daniels, Schaefer

NOES: None ABSENT: Middleton

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Bill Van Duker commented on the Council's recent decision of the Sylvan Corners development project. He spoke in support of the project.

Marcelle Flowers commented on the Council's recent decision of the Sylvan Corners development project. She spoke in support of the project.

Natalee Price representing REACH announced the Hopeful Neighborhood Project is coming to Citrus Heights at an upcoming REACH Board meeting.

City Clerk Van read the following written comment submitted by Janis Jacox, "The denial of the Sylvan Corners development seems ill considered. Many months and a LOT of money was spent by the developer and city staff on the project. Direction should have been given early on that you were against a dense project. Plans were discussed at several previous meetings. So many lost opportunities. Comments like "Garbage cans have to go in the garage – the smells!" and "Where will the children play" seem petty. Yes, the lots are smaller than on Carriage. But not everyone wants the same lifestyle. You ignored the thousands living in apartments and condos with no yards of any kind. Some of those people would love to move up into a larger house with a little outdoor space. Would I live in an alley loaded house, probably not. But others do want a more urban lifestyle spending free time at Tahoe instead of yardwork or pet care. Your decision says Citrus Heights doesn't welcome young professionals or empty nesters wanting to live walking distance to a brew pub, or Ciros, or Wonderful Chinese. Some neighbors and council members have this fantasy of posh shopping or high end housing with large lots. Have developers been beating down the door with proposals - no. California's draconian housing and density rules mean the city has no real control over what is built where. Your decision insures we are left with an empty, dusty, barren lot at the city's "Premier" intersection . . . likely remaining so for a generation."

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

4. Proclamation of the City of Citrus Heights Proclaiming October 2023 as "Breast Cancer Awareness Month"

Council Member Lopez-Taff read and presented the proclamation to Captain Parker Wilbourn with the Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District.

5. Proclamation of the City of Citrus Heights Proclaiming October 2023 as "Hindu American Appreciation and Awareness"

Mayor Schaefer read and presented the proclamation to Sangeetha Shankar with the Hindu American Foundation.

## COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS AND REGIONAL BOARD UPDATES

Council Member Lopez-Taff attended the Mesa Verde High School athletic field ribbon cutting event. She attended the CHASEN Neighborhood Area meeting. She attended the Purpose Built grand opening ribbon cutting event. She attended the City's State of the City event. She participated in a 2x2 meeting with Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District. She attended the transfer of command ceremony for the Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District fire chief.

Council Member Karpinski-Costa attended the Citrus Heights Collaborative meeting. She attended the ArtBeat event hosted by the Citrus Heights Arts. She provided an update from the Sacramento Area Sewer District. She provided an update from the Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito and Vector Control District. She attended the City's State of the City event.

Mayor Schaefer attended the Mesa Verde High School athletic field ribbon cutting event. He spoke at the City's State of the City event. He attended the Citrus Heights Community Marching Band Howl-O-ween event.

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 6. <u>SUBJECT</u>: Approval of Minutes

  RECOMMENDATION: Approve the Minutes of the Meeting of October 12, 2023
- 7. <u>SUBJECT</u>: Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) DUI / STEP Grant STAFF REPORT: K. Frev / M. Wells

**RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt Resolution No. 2023-096 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, Approving an Agreement and Accepting Project Funding for Grant PT24044 with the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) and Authorizing the City Manager (or Designee) to Execute the Agreement

<u>ACTION</u>: On a motion by Council Member Karpinski-Costa, seconded by Council Member Lopez-Taff, the City Council adopted Consent Calendar Items 6 and 7.

AYES: Karpinski-Costa, Lopez-Taff, Daniels, Schaefer

NOES: None ABSENT: Middleton

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

8. **SUBJECT:** Review Final 2024 Action Plan and Funding Recommendations for the Community

Development Block Grant Program **STAFF REPORT:** C. Kempenaar / N. Piva

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends the following:

a. Hear public testimony on the Draft 2024 Action Plan and Funding Recommendations for the Community Development Block Grant Program; and

b. Adopt Resolution 2023-097 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, Approving the Community Development Block Grant 2024 Action Plan and Authorizing the City Manager or Designee to Execute and File All Documents Required to Receive U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant Funding

Housing and Human Services Program Coordinator Piva presented the funding recommendations as follows:

Organization	Amount Requested 2024 CDBG	Quality of Life Committee Funding Recommendation
Campus Life Connection	20,000	20,000
Meals on Wheels by ACC	16,000	16,000
Community Link Capital Region & Project Sentinel	23,483	23,483
Sunrise Christian Food Ministry	43,200	30,517
Jake's Journey Home	50,000	-
Total	\$152,683	\$90,000

Mayor Schaefer opened the public hearing. Hearing no speakers, he closed the public hearing.

<u>ACTION</u>: On a motion by Council Member Lopez-Taff, seconded by Council Member Karpinski-Costa, the City Council adopted Resolution 2023-097 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, Approving the Community Development Block Grant 2024 Action Plan and Authorizing the City Manager or Designee to Execute and File All Documents Required to Receive U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant Funding.

AYES: Karpinski-Costa, Lopez-Taff, Daniels, Schaefer

NOES: None ABSENT: Middleton

#### REGULAR CALENDAR

9. <u>SUBJECT</u>: Council Consideration on Resolution to Support The Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act of 2024

**STAFF REPORT:** A. Feeney / R. Jones

**RECOMMENDATION:** Council may consider adopting Resolution No. 2023-098 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, Supporting the Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act

City Attorney Jones presented the staff report.

## **Public Comment**

Charles Anderson with the League of California Cities spoke in opposition of the proposed resolution.

Nick Bloise with the Sacramento Taxpayers Association spoke in support of the proposed resolution.

Scott Kaufman with the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association spoke in support of the proposed resolution.

Council Member questions and comments followed.

<u>ACTION</u>: On a motion by Vice Mayor Daniels, seconded by Council Member Karpinski-Costa, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2023-098 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, Supporting the Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act.

AYES: Karpinski-Costa, Daniels, Schaefer

NOES: Lopez-Taff ABSENT: Middleton

10. **SUBJECT:** Annexation Fiscal Impact Study Council Direction

STAFF REPORT: C. Kempenaar / R. Cave / A. Turcotte / S. Talwar

**RECOMMENDATION:** Review the staff report, receive a presentation and provide direction to staff

Community Development Director Kempenaar introduced the item. He explained the City retained RSG, Inc. to conduct a fiscal impact study of four potential annexation areas that were previously identified by the City Council.

Jim Simon and Monroe Roush with RSG, Inc. presented an overview of the fiscal impact study for the proposed annexation study areas as follows: Roseville Pointe, Greenback Gateway, Fair Oaks/Madison corner and Dewey Drive. Based on their analysis the estimated costs for providing services exceeds estimated revenues resulting in a deficit to the City if the areas are annexed within the City's boundaries.

City Council questions and comments followed.

By majority consensus the City Council directed staff to pursue discussions with the County of Sacramento concerning annexation of the Roseville Pointe (Residential), Fair Oaks/Madison, and Dewey Drive (Oakbrook) annexation study areas.

11. <u>SUBJECT</u>: Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights Repealing Citrus Heights Municipal Code Chapter 78, Article III. – Prohibition Against Intrusive and Unsafe Panhandling, Sections 78-50 to 78-54.

**STAFF REPORT:** R. Jones / A. Turcotte

**RECOMMENDATION:** Introduce for first reading and read by title only and waive the full reading of Ordinance No. 2023-005, An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, Repealing Citrus Heights Municipal Code Chapter 78, Article III. - Prohibition Against Intrusive and Unsafe Panhandling, Sections 78-50 to 78-54

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City Attorney Jones presented the staff report.

<u>ACTION</u>: On a motion by Council Member Karpinski-Costa, seconded by Council Member Lopez-Taff, the City Council introduced for a first reading and read by title only Ordinance No. 2023-005, An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, Repealing Citrus Heights Municipal Code Chapter 78, Article III. - Prohibition Against Intrusive and Unsafe Panhandling, Sections 78-50 to 78-54.

AYES: Karpinski-Costa, Lopez-Taff, Daniels, Schaefer

NOES: None ABSENT: Middleton

12. <u>SUBJECT</u>: School Resource Officer Options STAFF REPORT: A. Turcotte / C. Kinnan

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff has prepared the following three alternate resolutions for Council consideration:

- a. Adopt Resolution No. 2023-\_\_\_ A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, Authorizing the Use of General Fund to Fund Two Additional Police Officer Positions to be Assigned to the High Schools in Citrus Heights; or
- b. Resolution No. 2023-\_\_\_ A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, Authorizing the Use of ARPA Funding to Fund Two Additional Police Officer Positions to be Assigned to the High Schools in Citrus Heights; or
- c. Resolution No. 2023-099 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, Directing the City Manager to Formally Request Funding Participation from the San Juan Unified School District to Fund Two Police Officer Positions to be Assigned to the High Schools in Citrus Heights

Police Chief Turcotte presented the staff report.

City Council questions and comments followed.

Vice Mayor Daniels made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2023-\_\_\_ A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, Authorizing the Use of ARPA Funding to Fund Two Additional Police Officer Positions to be Assigned to the High Schools in Citrus Heights. Mayor Schaefer seconded the motion. The following roll-call vote was taken:

AYES: Daniels, Schaefer

NOES: Karpinski-Costa, Lopez-Taff

ABSENT: Middleton

The motion failed.

<u>ACTION:</u> On a motion by Vice Mayor Daniels, seconded by Mayor Schaefer, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2023-099 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, Directing the

City Manager to Formally Request Funding Participation from the San Juan Unified School District to Fund Two Police Officer Positions to be Assigned to the High Schools in Citrus Heights.

AYES: Karpinski-Costa, Lopez-Taff, Daniels, Schaefer

NOES: None ABSENT: Middleton

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

None

## **CITY MANAGER ITEMS**

City Manager Feeney announced that the Economic Development and Community Engagement team was awarded the Public Relations Society of America Influence Award in Collateral Material/Publications for the Citywide Citrus Heights Cares Mailer and the Public Relations Society of America Merit Award in Public Affairs for the Prospective Councilmember workshop. He also announced that Adam House was recently sworn in as the new chief of Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District.

## ITEMS REQUESTED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS/ FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Council Member Karpinski-Costa stated the City Council received a letter from Andrew Saunders proposing signage following Route 40 down Auburn Boulevard. She requested staff contact him and bring back an item at a future meeting to receive formal direction. Mayor Schaefer supported the request.

## <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

Mayor Schaefer	adjourned	the regular	meeting at	8:56 p.m.
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Respectfully submitted,	
Amy Van, City Clerk	



## CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** November 9, 2023

**TO:** Mayor and City Council Members

Ashley J. Feeney, City Manager

**FROM:** Amy Van, City Clerk

**SUBJECT:** Appointment to Sacramento Yolo Mosquito and Vector Control

**District Board** 

#### **Summary and Recommendation**

The City's appointment to the Sacramento Yolo Mosquito and Vector Control District (SYMVCD) Board of Trustees is set to expire on December 31, 2023.

The options for filling the appointment are as follows:

- 1. Reappoint Council Member Jayna Karpinski-Costa for a term of two or four years; or
- 2. Direct staff to advertise the vacancy and accept applications for appointment.

## **Fiscal Impact**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

## **Background and Analysis**

The SYMVCD provides year-round mosquito and vector control services to Sacramento and Yolo counties. Health and Safety Code Section 2021(d) provides the City Council of each city located within the Sacramento Yolo Mosquito and Vector Control District to appoint one person to the board of trustees. The term of office for a member of the board shall be for a term of two or four years, at the discretion of the City Council. Each person appointed by the City Council must be a registered voter and a resident of the city. Health and Safety Code Section 2022(c) provides for the appointment of City Council Members to the SYMVCD Board.

Council Member Karpinski-Costa has expressed an interest in being re-appointed to serve as the City's appointment to the SYMVCD Board.



## CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** November 9, 2023

**TO:** Mayor and City Council Members

Ashley J. Feeney, City Manager

**FROM:** Ryan Jones, City Attorney

Alex Turcotte, Chief of Police

**SUBJECT:** Second Reading – Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Citrus

Heights Repealing Citrus Heights Municipal Code Chapter 78, Article III. - Prohibition Against Intrusive and Unsafe Panhandling, Sections

78-50 to 78-54

## **Summary and Recommendation**

The Municipal Code of the City of Citrus Heights - Chapter 78, Article III. - Prohibition on Intrusive and Unsafe Panhandling, Sections 78-50 to 78-54 - regulates panhandling activity within the City. To bring the municipal code in line with current law as it evolves and to address Constitutional concerns related to First Amendment protections of free speech, City staff recommends the Council repeal the above Code sections.

Despite repeal of Municipal Code Sections 78-50 to 78-54, persons using aggressive behaviors against others while soliciting, or violating vehicle and traffic laws, or other laws may still face prosecution for violating California Penal Code Sections 415 and/or 647(c), California Vehicle Code 22520.5(a) and/or 22455(b), California Health and Safety Code 113709 and/or 114315, among other applicable laws.

In addition, the Police Department and City Attorney's Office are working collectively to draft a replacement ordinance which staff intends to bring to the Council at the December Council meeting, which addresses street safety concerns while adhering to the Constitutional parameters discussed above.

The background materials associated with this item are contained in the October 26, 2023 City Council Meeting Staff Report, available on the City's website.

Staff recommends the City Council adopt Ordinance No. 2023-\_\_, as shown in Attachment 1, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, repealing Citrus Heights

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Municipal Code Chapter 78, Article III. - Prohibition Against Intrusive and Unsafe Panhandling, Sections 78-50 to 78-54.

## **Fiscal Impact**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

## **Attachments**

1. (1) Ordinance No. 2023- \_\_\_\_ An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights Repealing Citrus Heights Municipal Code Chapter 78, Article III. - Prohibition Against Intrusive and Unsafe Panhandling, Sections 78-50 to 78-54.

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 2023-005**

# ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CITRUS HEIGHTS, CALIFORNIA, REPEALING CITRUS HEIGHTS MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 78, ARTICLE III. - PROHIBITION AGAINST INTRUSIVE AND UNSAFE PANHANDLING, SECTIONS 78-50 TO 78-54

The City Council of the City of Citrus Heights hereby ordains as follows:

#### **SECTION 1. Declaration of Intent.**

The purpose of this ordinance is to promote and ensure the health, safety, and welfare of its residents while simultaneously honoring the rights of its residents to free speech as protected under First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution and Article I, Section 2 of the California Constitution.

## **SECTION 2.** Repeal of Municipal Code Sections 78-50 to 78-54.

Citrus Heights Municipal Code Chapter 78, Article III. - Prohibition Against Intrusive and Unsafe Panhandling, Sections 78-50 to 78-54 are hereby repealed in their entirety.

## SECTION 3. CEQA.

This action or project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines. The action being considered by the City Council is an administrative activity of government that will not result in a direct or indirect physical change in the environment.

## **SECTION 4.** Severability.

If any section, subdivision, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

#### **SECTION 5.** Effective Date and Notice.

This ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its adoption, provided it is published in full or in summary within fifteen (15) days of its adoption, in a newspaper of general circulation published and circulated in the City of Citrus Heights.

## **SECTION 6.** Ordinance Introduced at Regular Meeting.

This Ordinance was introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council held on October 26, 2023.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights at a regular meeting held on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023, by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members: NOES: Council Members:

ABSENT: ABSTAIN:	Council Members: Council Members:		
		Tim Schaefer, Mayor	
ATTEST:			
Amy Van, C	ity Clerk		



## CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** November 9, 2023

**TO:** Mayor and City Council Members

Ashley J. Feeney, City Manager

**FROM:** Alexander A. Turcotte, Chief of Police

Cassandra Kinnan, Senior Management Analyst

SUBJECT: FY 2023 COPS Technology and Equipment Program Funding

## **Summary and Recommendation**

Staff recommends the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2023-\_\_\_ a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, Accepting FY 2023 COPS Technology and Equipment Program Grant Funds.

## **City Council Strategic Goal/Objective**

This staff report aligns with the following Citrus Heights City Council Strategic Plan Objectives:

Goal: Preserve and enhance public safety

## **Fiscal Impact**

There will be no impact to the general fund for accepting this grant.

#### **Background and Analysis**

The FY 2023 COPS Office Technology and Equipment Program (TEP) is an invitation-only grant program designed to develop and acquire effective equipment, technologies, and interoperable communications that assist in responding to and preventing crime.

The Citrus Heights Police Department was allocated funds based on an application submitted through Representative Ami Bera's FY 2023 Community Project Funding. Representative Bera's office approved the department's application in the amount of \$540,000. This approval resulted in the department's application being funded under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023.

The objective of this program is to provide funding for projects which improve effectiveness and the flow of information among law enforcement agencies. The police department anticipates using this funding to replace obsolete radios in police vehicles and the communications center. New mobile radios will allow officers to access encrypted radio channels if this resource is needed for sensitive tactical maneuvering, where the disclosure of operational plans would

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jeopardize the success of the mission and place officer safety in peril. The replacement consolette radios in the communications center will allow for redundancy should there be a system outage on the conventional microwave radio channels.

## **Attachments**

1. Resolution No. 2023-\_\_\_ a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, Accepting FY 2023 COPS Technology and Equipment Program Grant Funds.

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2023-**

## A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CITRUS HEIGHTS, CALIFORNIA, ACCEPTING FY 2023 COPS TECHNOLOGY AND EQUIPMENT PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS

**WHEREAS**, the FY 2023 COPS Office Technology and Equipment Program (TEP) is an invitation-only grant program designed to develop and acquire effective equipment, technologies, and interoperable communications that assist in responding to and preventing crime;

**WHEREAS**, the City was awarded through the Representative Ami Bera's FY 2023 Community Project Funding and the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023;

WHEREAS, the City was awarded \$540,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the Police Department will utilize the funding to purchase equipment and technology consistent with grant guidelines and objectives.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED** that the City of Citrus Heights does hereby accept the FY 2023 COPS TEP funding and authorizes the Chief of Police to utilize the \$540,000 in funding to purchase equipment and technology consistent with grant guidelines and objectives.

The City Clerk shall certify the passage and adoption of this Resolution and enter it into the book of original resolutions.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of November 2023, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: NOES: ABSTAIN: ABSENT:	Council Members: Council Members: Council Members: Council Members:		
ATTEST:		Tim Schaefer, Mayor	
Amy Van, C	ity Clerk		



## CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** November 9, 2023

**TO:** Mayor and City Council Members

Ashley J. Feeney, City Manager

**FROM:** Alexander A. Turcotte, Chief of Police

Wesley Herman, Police Lieutenant

Cassandra Kinnan, Senior Management Analyst

**SUBJECT:** FY 2023 Organized Retail Theft Prevention Grant Program Funding

Acceptance

#### **Summary and Recommendation**

Staff recommends the City Council adopt:

- a. Resolution No. 2023-\_\_\_ a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, Accepting FY 2023 Organized Retail Theft Prevention Grant Program Funds; and
- b. Resolution No. 2023-\_\_\_ a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, Authorizing the Addition of One Full-Time Position Funded by the Organized Retail Theft Prevention Grant Program.

## **City Council Strategic Goal/Objective**

This staff report aligns with the following Citrus Heights City Council Strategic Plan Objectives:

Goal: Preserve and enhance public safety

## Fiscal Impact

There will be no impact to the general fund for accepting this grant during the grant period.

The addition of the one full-time employee may produce costs related to uniforms, training, overtime, and fuel. All of these anticipated costs will be covered by the police department's current general fund budget.

## **Background and Analysis**

The Budget Act of 2022 (SB 154) established the Organized Retail Theft (ORT) Prevention Grant Program. Funding for the ORT grant was on a competitive basis for city police

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departments, county sheriff offices, and probation departments. Grant funds are to be used by awarded local law enforcement agencies for the prevention and response to organized retail theft, motor vehicle theft and motor vehicle accessory (catalytic converters) theft, and cargo theft. On September 14, 2023, the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) awarded 31 city police departments and seven sheriff offices out of 114 applicants with \$242,250,000 in ORT Prevention Grant Funding. The grant cycle is from October 1, 2023 to June 1, 2027.

The Citrus Heights Police Department (CHPD) was awarded its full requested amount of \$2,752,138, and was one of only two city police departments to be awarded this grant funding in the region. "Citrus Heights CARES About Safety & Crime Prevention" is our campaign and aptly describes the benefit it will have to the businesses and community members in our city through enhanced criminal identification, detection, and prevention. When a crime does occur, CHPD will have multiple additional technological resources available to help solve these crimes which is in direct alignment with the City's Strategic Plan Goal of to "develop and present a coordinated plan to reduce crime, mitigate blight, and increase vibrancy in commercial areas."

Recent increases in regional organization retail crime has impaired retailers, law enforcement agencies, and commercial public safety partners trying to prevent further victimization to our businesses and communities. Recent nationwide shutdowns of major retailers have negatively impacted communities like our own and our goal is to prevent similar shutdowns from occurring within our city by protecting our businesses and their assets. Regional collaborative efforts are underway to enhance the detection and prevention of known organized retail crime offenders preying on our business community partners.

Funding will be used to supplement existing technology resources and personnel resources related to identifying, communicating, and solving regional criminal enterprises moving through jurisdictional boundaries which often slows down investigative collaboration. Examples of this funding will be used for cameras, license plate readers, a video wall to view these resources on a single pane of glass, and Live 9-1-1 technology to allow officers to hear and timely respond to incoming 9-1-1 calls as they are occurring.

This grant also funds a new part-time detective position focused on the investigation of ORT crime occurring in the city, and a new full-time position that will be located at the Real-Time Information Center (RTIC) located at the Elk Grove Police Department. The RTIC is a first in the country to provide a regional approach to solving crime through the use of shared technology platforms and public safety members to provide comprehensive intelligence to identify and solve crime across jurisdictional boundaries. This position will continue to enhance regional capabilities in tracking crime as it is occurring in neighboring cities. The partnership between the police department and RTIC has already proven invaluable, as it has helped us solve a serial bank robbery case and home invasion robbery case earlier this year during a proof-of-concept trial period.

The efficacy of this program will be monitored and evaluated throughout the grant cycle. Staff will analyze the results of these efforts and make recommendations, prior to the end of the grant, on which programs and positions should continue and which should not. In the event the labor

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positions are not recommended or approved after the grant period, the department will proactively look to reabsorb those personnel into current vacancies to prevent the need for separation.

## **Attachments**

1.	Resolution No. 2023	a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights,
	California, Accepting FY	2023 Organized Retail Theft Prevention Grant Program Funds.

2.	Resolution No. 2023 a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights,	,
	California, Authorizing the Addition of One Full-Time Position Funded by the Organize	ed
	Retail Theft Prevention Grant Program.	

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2023-**

## A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CITRUS HEIGHTS, CALIFORNIA, ACCEPTING FY 2023 ORGANIZED RETAIL THEFT GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS

WHEREAS, the City of Citrus Heights desires to participate in the Organized Retail Theft Prevention Grant Program funded through the State Budget Act and administered by the Board of State and Community Corrections (hereafter referred to as the BSCC);

WHEREAS, the purpose of this funding is for the prevention and response to organized retail theft, motor vehicle theft and motor vehicle accessory (catalytic converters) theft, and cargo theft;

WHEREAS, the City was awarded \$2,752,138; and

**WHEREAS**, the Police Department will utilize the funding in accordance with grant objectives and requirements.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED** that the Chief of Police be authorized on behalf of the Citrus Heights City Council to submit the grant proposal for this funding and sign the Grant Agreement with the BSCC, including any amendments thereof.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED** that grant funds received hereunder shall not be used to supplant expenditures controlled by this body.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED** that the City of Citrus Heights agrees to abide by the terms and conditions of the Grant Agreement as set forth by the BSCC.

The City Clerk shall certify the passage and adoption of this Resolution and enter it into the book of original resolutions.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of November 2023, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: NOES: ABSTAIN: ABSENT:	Council Members: Council Members: Council Members: Council Members:		
ATTEST:		Tim Schaefer, Mayor	
Amy Van, C	ity Clerk		

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2023-**

## A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CITRUS HEIGHTS, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE ADDITION OF ONE FULL-TIME POSITION FUNDED BY THE ORGANIZED RETAIL THEFT PREVENTION GRANT PROGRAM

**WHEREAS**, the City of Citrus Heights desires to participate in the Organized Retail Theft Prevention Grant Program funded through the State Budget Act and administered by the Board of State and Community Corrections (hereafter referred to as the BSCC);

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of this funding is for the prevention and response to organized retail theft, motor vehicle theft and motor vehicle accessory (catalytic converters) theft, and cargo theft;

**WHEREAS**, the City was awarded \$2,752,138 which includes the funding for one full-time position; and

**WHEREAS**, the grant period funds this full-time position from October 1, 2023 to December 31, 2026.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED** that the Citrus Heights City Council authorizes the addition of one full-time position to be funded by the grant funds during the duration of the grant period.

The City Clerk shall certify the passage and adoption of this Resolution and enter it into the book of original resolutions.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of November 2023, by the following vote, to wit:

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## CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** November 9, 2023

**TO:** Mayor and City Council Members

Ashley J. Feeney, City Manager

**FROM:** Casey Kempenaar, Community Development Director

Regina Cave, General Services Director

Leslie Blomquist, City Engineer

**SUBJECT:** Sunrise Tomorrow Specific Plan

**On-Call Civil Engineering Services** 

#### **Summary and Recommendation**

On May 31, 2022, staff issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for engineering support services related to the Sunrise Tomorrow Specific Plan (Project). In accordance with standard practices governing consultant selection, MacKay & Somps Engineers, Inc. (MacKay & Somps) was determined to be the most qualified consultant to provide the desired services for the Project.

In December 2022, the City Council authorized the City Manager to enter into a contract with Kosmont Companies to develop financing strategies for implementation of the Sunrise Tomorrow Specific Plan and to enter into a contract for supportive engineering work for a maximum combined amount of \$200,000. Subsequently, the City Manager entered into an on-call contract with MacKay & Somps to develop various supporting engineering efforts for the anticipated infrastructure needs for the site.

As infrastructure financing plan development is ongoing, additional infrastructure engineering work is needed to continue to advance the Sunrise Tomorrow Project. The proposed Sunrise Tomorrow engineering on-call contract will continue to enable the Engineering Division to utilize civil engineering support on an as-needed basis as tasks arise relating to development of the Sunrise Tomorrow Specific Plan.

Staff recommends the City Council adopt Resolution 2023-\_\_\_\_, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, authorizing the City Manager to execute an on-call service agreement with MacKay & Somps Engineers, Inc. for on-call civil engineering services.

## City Council Strategic Goal/Objective

This staff report aligns with the following Citrus Heights City Council Strategic Plan Objective:

**Subject: On-Call Civil Engineering Services Consulting Contract** 

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**Goal:** Diversify for a Resilient Economy

Objective: Present results of Sunrise Tomorrow Infrastructure Financing Strategy study and next

steps to owners and stakeholders (FAWP)

## **Fiscal Impact**

Engineering costs associated with the Sunrise Tomorrow Project shall be funded by a Green Means Go grant and ARPA funds. The proposed contract amount is not to exceed \$200,000.

There will be no impact on the General Fund.

## **Background and Analysis**

Citrus Heights City Council unanimously approved the Sunrise Tomorrow Specific Plan on November 10, 2021. At the City Council Strategic Planning Retreat held on May 10, 2022, a goal was set to "Issue a Request for Proposals to conduct analysis of various public infrastructure financing scenarios and other economic development tools to inform future development agreement discussions for Sunrise Tomorrow."

On May 31, 2022, staff issued an RFQ for engineering support services and received four statements of qualifications on June 10, 2022. Interviews of the consultant teams were conducted on July 12, 2022. As a result of the process, MacKay & Somps was determined to be the most qualified engineering consultant to provide the desired services for the Project.

In December 2022, City Council authorized the City Manager to enter into a contract with Kosmont Companies for infrastructure financing related work as well as necessary supportive engineering work to advance the Sunrise Tomorrow project forward. As part of this approval, the City also entered into an agreement with MacKay & Somps to support Sunrise Tomorrow Project including developing engineer's estimates, utility capacity studies, grant application support, etc. This scope of work is coming to completion and infrastructure related support work continues.

An additional on-call contract for civil engineering support is necessary to support the continued and ongoing efforts for development of the Sunrise Tomorrow Specific Plan. Having an on-call contract reduces the need to hire consultants on a task-by-task basis, reduces overall project timelines, and maintains one consultant team that can carry knowledge from one task to another, lowering overall costs and increasing efficiency.

Task orders will be managed by the Community Development Department and/or General Services Department and may include, among other tasks, infrastructure studies, infrastructure capacity analysis, master planning, site plan review and development, and similar efforts.

Staff recommends a maximum not-to-exceed amount of \$200,000. This contract will allow staff to move forward with various items pertaining to advancement of the Sunrise Tomorrow Specific Plan as they come up in a timely and efficient manner.

**Subject: On-Call Civil Engineering Services Consulting Contract** 

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## **Attachments**

1. Resolution 2023-\_\_\_\_, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an On-Call Service Agreement with Mackay and Somps Engineers, Inc. for On-Call Civil Engineering Services

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2023-**

# A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CITRUS HEIGHTS, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN ON-CALL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH MACKAY & SOMPS ENGINEERS, INC. FOR ON-CALL CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES

WHEREAS, Citrus Heights City Council set a strategic goal to "diversify for a resilient economy";

**WHEREAS,** on November 10, 2021, the Citrus Heights City Council unanimously approved the Sunrise Tomorrow Specific Plan;

WHEREAS, at the City Council Strategic Planning Retreat on May 10, 2022, a goal was set to "Issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) to conduct analysis of various public infrastructure financing scenarios and other economic development tools to inform future development agreement discussions for Sunrise Tomorrow";

WHEREAS, In December 2022, the City was awarded \$190,000 in grant funding through Sacramento Area Council of Government's Green Means Go grant program that funds non-transportation infrastructure and planning that accelerates infill housing and supports housing affordability;

WHEREAS, civil engineering services are necessary to support the continued and ongoing efforts to support the analysis of the various public infrastructure financing scenarios and other economic development tools regarding the Sunrise Tomorrow Specific Plan;

**WHEREAS**, the City circulated a request for qualifications, and MacKay & Somps, Engineers, Inc. was found to be the most qualified firm to provide the required engineering services;

WHEREAS, the City now desires to enter into an On-Call Professional Services Agreement with MacKay & Somps Engineers, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed professional services will be paid for with Green Means Go grant funds, and ARPA funds (Fund 101).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED** by the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute an On-Call Professional Services Contract with MacKay & Somps Engineers, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$200,00.00, for work associated with development of the Sunrise Tomorrow Specific Plan.

The City Clerk shall certify the passage and adoption of this Resolution and enter it into the book of original resolutions.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, this 9th day of November, 2023 by the following vote, to wit:

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## CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** November 9, 2023

**TO:** Mayor and City Council Members

Ashley J. Feeney, City Manager

**FROM:** Alexander A. Turcotte, Chief of Police

Kristopher Frey, Police Commander

Cassandra Kinnan, Senior Management Analyst

SUBJECT: 2023 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)

**Funding** 

#### **Summary and Recommendation**

Staff recommends the City Council adopt a resolution accepting the recommended expenditures for the 2023 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) in the amount of \$25,411, in accordance with state requirements. The FY 2023 funds must be expended by September 30, 2026.

Staff recommends the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2023-\_\_\_\_ A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, Accepting 2023 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) in Accordance with State Requirements.

## City Council Strategic Goal/Objective

This staff report aligns with the following Citrus Heights City Council Strategic Plan Objectives:

Goal: Preserve and enhance public safety

## **Fiscal Impact**

The 2023 JAG grant will be utilized to purchase radios for police vehicles. There are no matching requirements for the grant money to be expended. Equipment purchases will be made in accordance with the City's adopted purchasing policies and procedures.

## **Background and Analysis**

Each year, the Bureau of Justice Assistance partners with the Bureau of Justice Statistics to allocate funding for each state and territory. The state distribution is based on violent crime and population size. The state's award amount is divided between the state and local governments at a rate of 60 and 40 percent, respectively.

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Under this program, cities and counties receive federal funds to augment public safety expenditures. This is a non-competitive grant program. There is no guarantee for funding or minimum allocations.

The funds must be used for law enforcement activities to include: technical assistance, strategic planning, research and evaluation, data collection, training, personnel, equipment, forensic laboratories, supplies, contractual support, and criminal justice information systems. During the application phase, the local government is asked to identify which of the above activities the funding will be used for. The Police Department applied for grant funding based on the need to replace outdated radios in police vehicles and to allow the department to purchase five radios.

The Police Department is requesting to strategically use grant funds to support the Department's equipment and training initiatives. This request will support our goal to provide exceptional police services to the community and enhance officer safety.

### **Attachments**

1. Resolution No. 2023-\_\_\_\_ A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, Accepting 2023 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) in Accordance with State Requirements.

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2023-**

## A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CITRUS HEIGHTS, CALIFORNIA, ACCEPTING 2023 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) FUNDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE REQUIREMENTS

WHEREAS, under the Bureau of Justice Assistance, the federal government appropriated significant funding for local law enforcement services for FY 2023;

WHEREAS, Citrus Heights' portion of this funding is \$25,411;

WHEREAS, under the conditions of the program, the City Council shall appropriate monies exclusively to fund police equipment, supplies, training, and technology in accordance with this written request submitted by the Chief of Police; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police requests to purchase radios for police vehicles.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED by the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, hereby authorizes the Chief of Police to use the 2023 JAG grant funding to purchase radios for police vehicles.

The City Clerk shall certify the passage and adoption of this Resolution and enter it into the book of original resolutions.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of November 2023, by the following vote, to wit:

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## CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** November 9, 2023

**TO:** Mayor and City Council Members

Ashley J. Feeney, City Manager

**FROM:** Alexander A. Turcotte, Chief of Police

Kris M. Frey, Police Commander Michael Wells, Police Lieutenant

**SUBJECT:** Red Light Camera Program

#### **Summary and Recommendation**

Pursuant to the City Council strategic planning objectives, this staff report provides an update on the red light camera program in Citrus Heights. This is an informational report and no action is requested.

## City Council Strategic Goal/Objective

This staff report aligns with the following Citrus Heights City Council Strategic Plan Objectives:

Goal: Preserve and enhance public safety. Specifically. evaluate the red light camera program and provide a report to City Council.

#### **Fiscal Impact**

There is no fiscal impact related to this staff report as no action is being requested.

There is also no negative fiscal impact for the red light camera program, as the contract with Redflex Systems is cost neutral.

## Red Light Camera Budget

The red light camera program is part of the general fund and the City adopts an annual budget. The below table reflects the current fiscal year (FY) red light camera budget, FY 2023-24.

<b>Total Anticipated Expenses:</b>	\$693,089
Redflex Contract	\$492,000

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Personnel	\$168,839
Supplies	\$250
Training	\$2,000
Road Maintenance/Safety (General Services)	\$30,000
Anticipated Revenue	\$664,350

The contract between the City and Redflex is cost neutral. Meaning, if program expenditures exceed revenue the City receives from the courts (as depicted in the above budget), the City will withhold payment from Redflex to ensure there is enough revenue to cover the expenditures. This is to ensure that there is no impact to the City's general fund budget in the event citation revenue cannot cover all the costs of running the program.

The contract with Redflex Traffic Systems is a fixed monthly fee for each dedicated camera approach. The monthly fee provides for the camera installation, maintenance, technology upgrades, and initial review of incidents. Redflex does not receive any share of citation revenue. Citations generated by this program are processed through the court system and revenue is shared with the City on the same formula as all other traffic offenses.

## **Background and Analysis**

In 2005, the City of Citrus Heights received an Intersection Safety Prioritization Program (ISPP) from Kittelson & Associates and Synectics Transportation Consultants. These consultants provided recommendations to improve intersection safety by assessing various crash data. One of the recommendations made by the consultants to improve traffic safety was the installation of red light cameras at specified locations.

In 2007, City Council approved the implementation of the initial red light camera program in Citrus Heights. Four red light camera program providers responded to a request for proposals. The City evaluation team consisted of representatives from the Police Department and General Services. Contacts were made with several cities and counties to verify operational declarations made during the presentations. Ultimately, the City team recommended to contract with Redflex Traffic Systems Inc., which was ultimately approved by resolution of Council in July of 2007.

The original 2007 Red Flex Traffic System contract was for five years, and since then, the Council has approved several extensions of the program. The most current contract commenced on July 1, 2021, continuing for a period of five years, ending in 2026.

The Citrus Heights Police Department (CHPD) continues to utilize the red light camera program as a method of traffic enforcement and believe that the program provides safety for the motorists traveling in our community. The police department currently utilizes red light cameras at eight intersections and those cameras cover a total of ten approaches.

During the FY 2022-23, the red light cameras processed over 43,000 potential violations. The potential violations were reviewed and screened twice by Redflex; of those, 22,341 violations were

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sent to CHPD for review. A total of 13,486 citations were then issued following CHPD review. Of the citations issued, 86.87 percent were non-Citrus Heights residents and 13.13 percent were Citrus Heights residents.

Traffic enforcement, along with education and engineering, is a key component in calming traffic and preventing collisions. A red light camera system allows for cost neutral fulltime monitoring of intersections that cannot be matched with physical officer presence. The goal of the program is to save lives by modifying driving behavior while allowing police officers to focus on other traffic enforcement and life safety issues.

The running of a red light happens frequently and is often deadly. In 2021, 1,109 people were killed in crashes that involved red light running nationwide. Half of those killed were pedestrians, bicyclists, and people in other vehicles who were hit by the red light runners. In addition, in 2021, an estimated 127,000 people were injured in red light running crashes.

The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) (<a href="https://www.iihs.org/topics/red-light-running">https://www.iihs.org/topics/red-light-running</a>), who is an independent, nonprofit scientific and educational organizational that aims to reduce traffic fatalities, injuries and property damage through research and evaluation and the American Automobile Association (AAA) (<a href="https://aaafoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/2021-TSCI-Full-Report.pdf">https://aaafoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/2021-TSCI-Full-Report.pdf</a>), a not for profit corporation that advocates for safe, efficient highways, analyze data and publish statistics related to various traffic concerns. Below are some statistics regarding red light violations from these two organizations.

- Nearly half (46 percent) of those killed in red light running crashes were passengers or people in other vehicles and more than five percent were pedestrians or cyclists. (AAA)
- A study comparing large cities with red light safety cameras to those without, found the devices reduced the fatal red light running crash rate by 21 percent and the rate of all types of fatal crashes at signalized intersections by 14 percent. (IIHS)
- A study compared large cities that turned off red light safety cameras with those with continuous camera programs. In 14 cities that shut down their programs during 2010-14, the fatal red light running crash rate was 30 percent higher than would have been expected if they had left the cameras on. The rate of fatal crashes at signalized intersections was 16 percent higher. (IIHS)
- In a 2021 national survey, 76 percent of drivers said it is very or extremely dangerous to drive through a red light that had just turned red when they could have stopped safely, but 28 percent reported doing so in the past 30 days. (AAA)
- Among drivers involved in fatal red-light-running multiple-vehicle crashes in 2021, the red light runners were more likely to be speeding or alcohol-impaired at the time of the crash and less likely to have a valid driver's license. (IIHS)

Improving road safety is a priority for the Citrus Heights Police Department. The red light camera program is a cost neutral way for the department to help deter red light violations and promote safer driving habits on our roadways.