Notes and Themes from the 9/1/26 Brevard ALPR Listening and Information Session

Disclaimer: The following notes and identified themes are paraphrased based on the public's comments and questions. For additional information, the recording is available on our website.

Concerns Regarding Surveillance and Future Expansion

- Participants expressed concern that implementation of ALPR cameras could lead to broader expansion of surveillance.
- Concerns were raised regarding software updates or technological enhancements that could occur without the public's knowledge or input.
- While FLOCK and Axon's systems are currently incompatible, there was concern that integration of the technologies could create a larger network of surveillance.

Value of Public Input and Community Engagement

- The public expressed appreciation to the City and the Brevard Police Department for allowing the public to publicly express their concerns. They also appreciated that the City held this session prior to making a decision.

Privacy Concerns

- Participants felt that ALPR technology contributes to the perception that members of the public are guilty until proven innocent or that the public is under investigation at all times.
- Concerns were raised regarding data security, cloud storage, and the potential for data breaches.

Community Trust and Relationship with Government and Law Enforcement Entities

- Participants questioned the extent to which information collected by ALPR cameras could be used for other purposes beyond the program's original intent.
- Participants are concerned that implementation of ALPRs without community support could further strain trust between the community and law enforcement.
- Participants expressed broader distrust regarding the federal government's potential future requests/access to local data, including the possibility of federal subpoenas.
- Concerns were raised regarding the potential for law enforcement to selectively identify and pursue individuals based on information generated through ALPRs, prompting questions about who ultimately benefits from enhanced surveillance.
- Comments reflected a desire to strengthen public trust and for the community to work together.

Appropriateness for a Small Town

- Several participants questioned whether this type of technology is appropriate or necessary for a City the size of Brevard, noting the City's low crime rate, and whether the anticipated public safety benefits justify the technology.

- Some participants emphasized that maintaining privacy is particularly important.

Concerns Regarding Corporate Involvement

- Participants criticized a large technology corporation's involvement in the collection, storage, and management of community data.
- Some participants expressed feeling that a multi-billion-dollar corporation is preying on a small community.
- There were concerns that the nature of the software feeds data centers that would be required to operate the system.

Staffing and Resource Allocation

- Some participants noted that ALPR technology is an attempt to remedy staffing shortages within the police department and questioned whether technology should take priority over personnel and other public safety resources.