THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

STAFF REPORT

Council Meeting Date: January 24, 2023

Subject: Interlocal agreement with the Buncombe County Sheriff's Office for the use of the FUSUS real time criminal intelligence camera system

Staff Resource(s): Ben Woody, Assistant City Manager
Deputy Chief Jim Baumstark, Asheville Police Department

Action Requested: Adoption of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an interlocal agreement with the Buncombe County Sheriff's Office for the use of the FUSUS real time criminal intelligence camera system.

Background:

- The Buncombe County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) has implemented a software system (FUSUS) capable of extracting live and historical security feeds from multiple sources for use by law enforcement personnel.
- The FUSUS system is operated and maintained by the BCSO.
- This interlocal agreement provides permission for the BCSO to install FUSUS linked cameras on various portions of city property.
- BCSO is responsible for the operation and maintenance of cameras installed on city properties and will pay all costs associated with installation and required network connectivity and speeds.
- The interlocal agreement also provides for limited access by the Asheville Police Department (APD) to all FUSUS capabilities and cameras located within the city limits, excluding access to those cameras located on Buncombe County Schools properties within the city limits.
- The interlocal agreement requires $30,000 annual compensation to the BCSO and may be canceled by either party by providing thirty days written notice.

Vendor Outreach Efforts:

- Not applicable

Council Goal(s):

- A well-planned and livable community
- A Clean and Healthy Environment

Committee(s):

- Environment and Safety Committee - January 24, 2023

Pro(s):

- Establishes the expectations for the installation and use of the FUSUS real time criminal intelligence camera system.
- Access to the FUSUS system will enhance local law enforcement ability to effectively respond to public safety emergencies.

Con(s):

- Funding was not planned in the FY23 budget for APD access to the FUSUS system.

Fiscal Impact:

- Funding for FY23 will come from anticipated savings in other interlocal agreements that the City has with the County.

- Beginning in FY24, annual funding will need to be included in the Manager's Proposed Budget.

Suggested Motion:

- Motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an interlocal agreement with the Buncombe County Sheriff's Office for the use of the FUSUS real time criminal intelligence camera system

Attachment(s)

- Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 23-____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE BUNCOMBE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE REGARDING THE FUSUS REAL-TIME CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE CAMERA SYSTEM

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. 160A-461, any unit of local government and any one or more other units of local government may, upon ratification by resolution of each unit's governing board, enter into contracts or agreements of reasonable duration in order to execute any undertaking; amd

WHEREAS, the Buncombe County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) has implemented a software system capable of extracting live and historical security camera feeds from multiple sources for use by the law enforcement dispatchers and officers in the field ("the FUSUS system"); and

WHEREAS, the BCSO FUSUS system currently includes feeds from cameras installed on property owned by other governmental units within the borders of the City of Asheville, including Buncombe County, Asheville City Schools, Buncombe County Schools, and the Housing Authority of the City of Asheville, as well as cameras owned by private parties; and

WHEREAS, the BCSO has requested permission to install FUSUS linked cameras on various portions of City-owned property; and

WHEREAS, in exchange for allowing installation of FUSUS linked cameras on City-owned property and a $30,000 annual fee, the BCSO has agreed to provide the Asheville Department ("the APD") with access to the FUSUS system;

WHEREAS, access to the FUSUS system will enhance the Asheville Police Department's ability to effectively respond to public safety emergencies;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE THAT:

The City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into an interlocal agreement with the BCSO that provides the APD with access the BCSO's FUSUS system in exchange for a $30,000 annual fee and permission to the BCSO to install FUSUS linked cameras on City property

Read, approved and adopted this 24th day of January 2023.

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City Clerk Mayor

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney