THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

Staff Report

Council Meeting Date: March 10, 2020

Subject: Renewal of Contract with LexisNexis ACCURINT Virtual Crime Center (AVCC)

Staff Resource(s): David Zack, Chief of Police
Daniel Lemley, Police Administrative Services Manager

Action Requested: Adoption of 2020 renewal of the November 21, 2016, contract with LexisNexis ACCURINT Virtual Crime Center (AVCC) - crime analysis platform (formerly ATACRAIDS), now at $124,872 with an Addendum and a Schedule A.

Background:

- The Asheville Police Department (APD) entered into a contractual agreement with LexisNexis ACCURINT (formerly ATACRAIDS) for a local and nationwide crime analysis platform on November 21, 2016. The total annual cost to APD at the onset was $29,600.00 with a 3% annual increase.
- The ACCURINT platform has been extensively used internally by APD officers and crime analysts, used by the Citizen Police Advisory Committee (CPAC), as well as made available to the both the citizens of Asheville and Media via the web based Community Crime Mapper. The platform disseminates crime data in a geospatial map and on a link analysis chart.
- On October 31, 2019, LexisNexis announced its new robust platform known as ACCURINT Virtual Crime Center (AVCC) at an annual cost of $35,000.
- The new AVCC platform and with total contract costs (Nov. 2016 to current date) is now at $124,872.

Vendor Outreach Efforts:

- LexisNexis is the creator, a sole source vendor of (AVCC), which the City of Asheville's Police Department and its citizens are familiar with and have access to since November 2016. The access is through the web based Community Crime Mapper that disseminates crime data in a geospatial map and on a link analysis chart. The Crime Mapper allows its customers to access real-time nationwide public records databases. Accordingly, there is no other vendor or application available for purchase today that has the capabilities included in AVCC.
- Due to sole source justification, no outreach to minority and women owned business conducted.

Council Goal(s):

- Smart City

Committee(s):

- None

Pro(s):

- Use of a nationwide crime analysis platform, now more robust, extensively used internally by APD and its crime analysts since 2016, as well as, made available to the citizens of Asheville.

Con(s):

- None

Fiscal Impact:

- A $5,000 increase from the 2019 annual cost, i.e., $35,000 per year with a 3% increase annually. The funding for the contract is already included in the adopted Police Department budget.

Suggested Motion:

- Motion to approve **t**he resolution authorizing the Asheville Police Department to renew the November 21, 2016, contract with LexisNexis by going to ACCURINT Virtual Crime Center (AVCC) - crime analysis PLATFORM with the new Addendum and Schedule A.

Attachment(s)

- Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 20-____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ASHEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO RENEW THE NOVEMBER 21, 2016 CONTRACT WITH LEXISNEXIS BY GOING TO ACCURINT VIRTUAL CRIME CENTER (AVCC)—ANALYSIS PLATFORM WITH ADDENDUM AND SCHEDULE A.

WHEREAS, the City of Asheville Police Department on November 21, 2016 entered into a contractual agreement with LexisNexis for ACCURINT (formerly ATACRAIDS) —- a local and nationwide crime analysis platform; and

WHEREAS, the ACCURINT platform has been extensively used internally by APD officers and its crime analysts, used by the Citizens Police Advisory Committee (CPAC), as well as made available to both the citizens of Asheville and Media via the web based Community Crime Mapper; and

WHEREAS, the platform disseminates Asheville crime data in a geospatial map and on a link analysis chart; and

WHEREAS, on October 31,2019, LexisNexis announced a new robust platform known as ACCURINT Virtual Crime Center (AVCC); and

WHEREAS, LexisNexis is the creator, a sole source vendor of AVCC allowing real-time access to local and nationwide public records databases; and

WHEREAS, there is no other vendor or application available for purchase today that has the capabilities included in AVCC; and

WHEREAS, with the new AVCC platform, with total contract costs (Nov. 2016 to current date) now at $124,872 (over $90,000) coming from the adopted Police department budget, City Council approval is required;

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

The City Manager is hereby authorized to renew the November 21, 2016, contract with LexisNexis by going to ACCURINT virtual crime center (AVCC) — crime analysis platform with new addendum and schedule A.

Read, approved and adopted this the 10th day of March, 2020.

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City Clerk Mayor

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney