



# AGENDA REPORT

**TO:** Edward D. Reiskin  
City Administrator

**FROM:** Susan E. Manheimer  
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**SUBJECT:** OPD ShotSpotter Contract  
Supplemental

**DATE:** June 17, 2020

City Administrator Approval

Date: June 18, 2020

## RECOMMENDATION

**Staff Recommends That The City Council Approve A Resolution Authorizing The City Administrator Or Designee To 1) Enter Into A Professional Services Agreement With Shotspotter, Inc. For Gunshot Location Detection Service Coverage, Subject To The Availability Of Funds And Approval By The City Council Of The Funds In The Oakland Police Department's Baseline Budget Proposal, For:**

- A. Oakland Police Department (OPD) Shotspotter Geographic Area "Phase I" From April 19, 2020 Through June 30, 2020 For Nineteen Thousand, Four Hundred Forty-Eight Dollars (\$19,448);**
- B. OPD Shotspotter Areas Phases I, II, And III, From July 1, 2020 To June 30, 2021, For An Amount Not To Exceed Five Hundred Seventy-Two Thousand, Five Hundred Sixty-Two Dollars (\$572,562);**
- C. OPD Shotspotter Areas Phase I, II, And III, From July 1, 2021 To June 30, 2022, For An Amount Not To Exceed Six Hundred One Thousand, One Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$601,190);**
- D. OPD Shotspotter Areas Phase I, II, And III, From July 1, 2022 To June 30, 2023, For An Amount Not To Exceed Six Hundred Thirty-One Thousand, Two Hundred Forty-Eight Dollars (\$631,248);**

**For A Total Amount Not To Exceed One Million Eight Hundred Twenty-Four Thousand, Four Hundred Forty-Eight Dollars (\$1,824,448) For OPD Shotspotter Area Phase I For April 19, 2020 To June 30, 2020 And All Three OPD Shotspotter Phases For July 1, 2020 To June 30, 2023; And 2) Waive The Competitive Request For Proposal/ Qualifications (RFP/Q) Process, The Advertising And Bidding Requirements, And Local And Small Local Business (L/SLB) Enterprise Program Provisions For The Contracts With Shotspotter, Inc.**

## REASON FOR SUPPELMENTAL

At the June 16, 2020 City Council Meeting, staff was asked to provide a supplemental report addressing the following questions:

City Council  
June 23, 2020

**Inquiry:**

How often are shot-spotter (SS) activations receiving an immediate police deployment response?

**Response:**

Officers respond to the vast majority are activations. The activations are sent directly to officers so they can respond without being dispatched when shots are fired near their locations. Area Commanders have SS applications (apps) on their phones. When activations occur in areas that are known for gang activity or where we know there is an active conflict involving groups, Area Commanders often times re-deploy staff to rival gang areas to prevent retaliatory shootings.

**Inquiry:**

How often is evidence such as shell-casings obtained by responding to a shot-spotter alert?

**Response:**

Often casings are recovered at the scene. There are few types of weapons that do not expend shell castings. An example of a weapon that does not leave behind shell casings would be a revolver. Over the last few years OPD has seen a dramatic increase in crimes we code as 246PC and 247PC. These are instances were officers respond to SS activations and recover casings at the scene. OPD hold Area Commanders accountable for those crimes where in many instances there is no victim because the call was not called to report the shooting.

**Inquiry:**

What further steps would be needed to respond timely? To gather and review and process evidence?

**Response:**

We could always improve our response times. Staff understands that gunfire is extremely serious and in most instances OPD responds immediately to the location. However, when there are simultaneous major incidents, such as Sideshows or homicides, response times will be delayed because of limited resources available to respond.

**Inquiry:**

How is OPD able to track guns, ammunition and sources to help shut down illegal gun dealing and use?

**Response:**

SS is a necessary tool to help OPD track guns. OPD data has shown that citizens only called OPD 3% of the time to report gunfire compared to the number of SS activations. OPD has been heavily reliant on SS to respond to locations where shots have been fired. When Officers arrive on the scene they search for casings to analyze and a report is created that details other shootings that may be linked to the weapon. Without SS, and because citizens regularly do not call and report gunfire, OPD would not be able to link guns to the various crimes they are used.

**Inquiry:**

How is the selection of shot-spotter installation locations prioritized and determined?

**Response:**

The locations of SS are a blend of data from homicides, shootings 911 calls/calls for service.

**Inquiry:**

How is deployment in response to alerts prioritized and determined?

**Response:**

Activations that occur in areas where we know there is an active conflict will get a response not only from field units, but from Area Commanders. Activations in areas where there is an activate conflict will garner significant attention from staff. Officers are moved and deployed when activations occur in areas experiencing an increase in gun violence, especially into the areas of the rivals to prevent retaliation.

**Inquiry:**

Are some areas less needed and/or less effective than others?

**Response:**

Based on the increase of gun violence OPD needs SS to maintain community safety by reducing gun violence.

**Inquiry:**

Are there other potential funding sources? Pricing and alternatives for other options, including more focused prioritized installation and use, resource sharing, alternative strategies, input from stakeholders.

**Response:**

Funding sources are allocated by the General Fund. As for pricing, the SS provides the City with the best price, due to our long-established relationship and partnership with this vendor for many years. The locations are determined by there are a high number of calls.

**ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

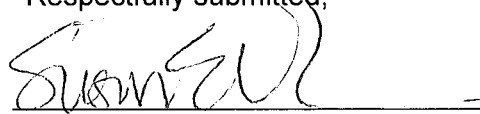
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Respectfully submitted,



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