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City Attorney

FILED **OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL**  
OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK  
OAKLAND

**RESOLUTION No. 84184 C.M.S.**  
2013 JAN -3 PM 5:05  
Introduced by Councilmember \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXTEND THE CONTRACT WITH VMA SECURITY SERVICES TO CONTINUE PROVIDING PRIVATE SECURITY SERVICES ON AN “AS NEEDED” BASIS FROM JANUARY 1, 2013 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2014, OR UNTIL THE ADDITIONAL CAPPED AMOUNT OF \$100,000 (ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS) IS EXPENDED, WHICHEVER IS EARLIEST.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Oakland desires to maintain a safe, beautiful, clean, and elegant Frank Ogawa Plaza, properties, parks and events in the downtown area of the City of Oakland; and

**WHEREAS**, the City is aware of the significant increase in downtown crime including but not limited to robberies of cell phones, computers, tablets and other high value items;

**WHEREAS**, the City had been informed by the Downtown Community Benefit District that their ambassadors were being impacted by the nuisance behavior of the people loitering on and near Frank Ogawa plaza; and

**WHEREAS**, the City had been advised by tenants and staff alike that the general appearance and mood of the Plaza afforded them a sense of unease and concern over their safety;

**WHEREAS**, The City’s desire to maintain a safe, beautiful, clean, and elegant Plaza are significantly impacted robberies, crimes, and nuisance behaviors of those who choose to loiter for such activities in the Plaza; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Administrator and Chief of Police determined that the condition and activities of the Plaza warranted a plan to address safety and behavioral concerns; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Administrator and Chief of Police both acknowledged that staffing and police resources made it impossible to assign Officers to monitor the Plaza area at all times; and

**WHEREAS**, it was and is in the City’s best interests to maintain a safe, clean, beautiful, and elegant Plaza for its resident and visitors alike; and

**WHEREAS**, a Request for Proposal process found that VMA Security Services (VMA Security) was the most appropriate and competitive local private security firm; and

**WHEREAS**, during the height of the Occupy Oakland events and in response to the increased crime, concerns of staff and tenants, and in order to protect the general public while visiting Frank Ogawa Plaza, the City Administrator executed a \$300,000 (three hundred thousand dollars) contract pursuant to her authority in Oakland Municipal Code (OMC) Section 2.04.020H for a VMA Security to patrol and secure the Plaza area; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to OMC Section 2.04.020, on December 6, 2011, the City Administrator presented an informational report on her exercise of her emergency authority; and

**WHEREAS**, since VMA Security has been providing security services to the Plaza, the City Administrator's Office has been advised by staff and tenants that the appearance of the Plaza and the nuisance and crime behaviors which had been previously causing concern have diminished; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Administrator has determined that extension of the agreement with VMA Security, which has reached its earlier capped amount, is in the best interest of the City maintaining and improving the quality of the Plaza.

**WHEREAS**, the City Administrator has determined that the services rendered by the security firm shall not result in the loss of employment or salary by any person having permanent status in the competitive service; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That based upon the information set forth in the City Administrator's report, the City Council authorizes an extension of the emergency security services contract with VMA Security to June 30,2013, or for an additional capped amount not to exceed \$100,000 (one hundred thousand dollars), whichever occurs first; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the City Council finds and determines that the services provided by VMA Security are professional, technical, and temporary in nature; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That said agreement shall be approved for form and legality by the Office of the City Attorney and placed on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, JAN 22 2013, 20    


**PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

AYES - BROOKS, KALB, KAPLAN, KERNIGHAN, GALLO, MCELHANEY, REID, and SCHAAF - 8

NOES - 0

ABSENT - 0

ABSTENTION - 0

ATTEST:  1/30/13  
LaTonda Simmons  
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council  
of the City of Oakland, California