

CITY OF OAKLAND
AGENDA REPORT

2011 NOV 22 AM 10:49

To: Office of the City Administrator
Attn: Deanna Santana
From: Police Department
Date: December 6, 2011

Re: Report and Resolution Ratifying the City Administrator's Decision to Increase the Amount of the Emergency Security Services Contract With VMA Security to Provide Security Services As Needed at Frank Ogawa Plaza and Other Facilities In An Amount Not to Exceed Five Hundred and Forty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$545,000) Beginning November 17, 2011 and Ending When the Capped Amount is Reached

SUMMARY

Staff has prepared a this report and resolution ratifying the City Administrator's decision to increase the amount of security services contract with VMA Security Group to provide security services as needed at Frank Ogawa Plaza and other facilities.

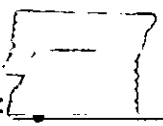
FISCAL IMPACT

Approval of this resolution ratifies the City Administrator's decision to enter into a contract with VMA Security Group to supplement police resources for security at Frank Ogawa Plaza beginning November 17, 2011 and ending when the capped amount of \$545,000 is reached. Funding for this contract will be drawn from General Fund: 1010; Emergency Contingency Reserve Organization: 90611; Program: OCCO, Project: P404410.

BACKGROUND

On Monday, October 3rd, supporters of the *Occupy Wall Street* Movement set up camp in front of City Hall as a show of support for the national *Occupy* movement. On Tuesday, October 25th, the Oakland Police Department removed the camp due to public safety concerns surrounding bio hazardous materials, fire safety, and violations associated with unlawful camping in a public place. Upon removal of the encampment, protesters began to reestablish the campsite in front of Frank Ogawa Plaza.

On Monday, November 14th, the City of Oakland again removed the camp as a result of the same concerns previously stated. In an effort to prevent protesters from reestablishing camp at Frank Ogawa Plaza, the Oakland Police Department has maintained police presence in the plaza at a cost to the City.

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KEY ISSUES AND IMPACTS

The use of sworn police officers as security at Frank Ogawa Plaza is costing the City approximately \$16,000 a day, as well as depleting already limited police resources throughout the City. The use of private security services will have a significantly lower cost to the City to maintain a security presence in the Plaza, and allow for sworn officers to return to their primary function of providing patrol services to the City of Oakland residents.

In accordance with the City of Oakland's fair contracting requirements, staff carried conducted a request for proposals process to determine the best vendor to carry out security services for this project. The following security companies submitted proposals:

- Universal Protection Service
- Cypress Private Security
- V.M.A. Security Group

Based on the needs of the Department, scope of work required, and cost benefit to the City, staff selected V.M.S. as the vendor to carryout security services during the contract period.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The City of Oakland requires security guard services at Frank H. Ogawa Plaza on an as needed basis beginning November 17, 2011 to protect patrons, employees and public property and provide respectful reception, safe access, traffic controls, patrol, inspection and other special assignments in the area of Frank Ogawa Plaza.

City facilities closed or off-bounds to the public need security to prevent trespassing, vandalism, arson, and other damage to the facility or hazard to person(s).

SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

Economic: The use of private security services comes at a significantly lower cost than using sworn police officers, which will result in cost savings to the City.

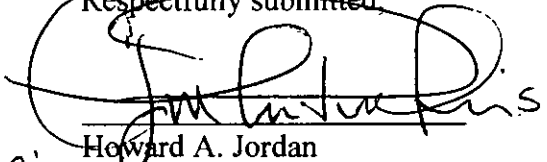
Environmental: Providing security at Frank Ogawa Plaza will help ensure that no new encampments are established in front of City Hall, thereby preventing the occurrence of bio hazards, fire safety, and other environmental concerns in the area of City Hall.

Social Equity: By maintaining a security presence at Frank Ogawa Plaza, the City will continue to provide a safe and healthy environment for all members of the public to enjoy.

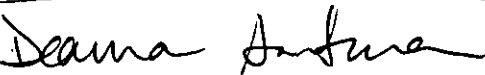
RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of this resolution which ratifies the City Administrator's decision to enter into a contract with VMA Security Group to provide supplemental security services at Frank Ogawa Plaza for the period beginning November 17, 2011 and ending when the capped amount of \$545,000 is reached.

Respectfully submitted,

for: 
Howard A. Jordan
Interim Chief of Police

APPROVED AND FORWARDED TO
THE CITY COUNCIL:

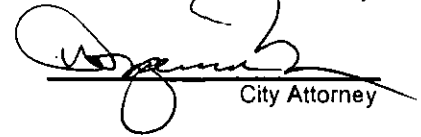


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City Attorney

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RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.

Introduced by Councilmember _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF THE EMERGENCY SECURITY SERVICES CONTRACT WITH VMA SECURITY OR OTHER SECURITY SERVICES PROVIDER(S) FOR THE PROVISION OF SECURITY SERVICES AS NEEDED AT FRANK OGAWA PLAZA AND OTHER FACILITIES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FIVE HUNDRED FORTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$545,000)

WHEREAS, on Monday, October 3rd, supporters of the *Occupy Wall Street* Movement set up camp in front of City Hall in Frank H. Ogawa Plaza as a show of support for the national *Occupy* movement; and

WHEREAS, on Tuesday, October 25th, the Oakland Police Department removed the camp due to public safety concerns about bio hazardous materials being deposited in the camping area as a result of camping activities, fire safety and unlawful camping in a public place; and

WHEREAS, on Monday, November 14th, the City of Oakland again removed the camp as a result of the same concerns; and

WHEREAS, providing security at Frank H. Ogawa Plaza will help ensure that no new encampments are established in front of City Hall, thereby preventing further environmental and fire hazards in the area of City Hall; and

WHEREAS, the use of sworn police officers as security at Frank H. Ogawa Plaza costs the City approximately \$16,000 a day, and depletes already limited police resources throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, it was necessary to retain private security guard services at the Plaza on a daily, round-the-clock basis within several days of the second encampment removal so that Oakland sworn officers could be deployed to other police work; and

WHEREAS, staff conducted an informal Request for Proposals process and identified VMA Security Group as the most qualified vendor to carry out the requirements of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Administrator entered into an emergency contract with VMA Security Services on or about November 17, 2011 in the amount of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) for the provision of security services at Frank Ogawa Plaza and other outdoor areas of the City, as needed, pursuant to Oakland Municipal Code Section 2.04.020(H), which

provides emergency contacting authority to retain services deemed necessary by the City Administrator to protect the immediate public peace, health and safety; and

WHEREAS, the contract is for services as needed allowing city to reduce services at any time, and the contract can be terminated for convenience prior to the full expenditure if/when services are no longer needed; and

WHEREAS, the initial contract amount was based on the potential cost of services from November 17, 2011 to the week of December 6, 2011, but it is anticipated that services will be required for several more weeks/months; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the City Administrator, or her designee, is hereby authorized to increase the contract with VMA Security Services or other firms that provide needed security services at Frank Ogawa Plaza and other outdoor areas of the City to five hundred seventy five thousand dollars (\$575,000); and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That Funding for this contract will be drawn from General Fund: 1010; Emergency Contingency Reserve Organization: 90611; Program: OCCO, Project: P404410; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Administrator or her designee is authorized to carry out any financial actions necessary to carry out the intent of the resolution, including to complete all required negotiations, certifications, assurances, and documentation required to accept, modify, extend and/or amend this contract for services, except for any increase in the contract amount, without returning to the City Council; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That, notwithstanding the approval stated above, nothing herein is intended to nor does it restrict the City Administrator's emergency contracting authority under Oakland Municipal Code Section 2.04.020(G) and (H) in a situation she deems an "emergency for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health or safety."

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 20____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, BRUNNER, DE LA FUENTE, KAPLAN, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, SCHAAF AND PRESIDENT REID

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST: _____
LaTonda Simmons
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California