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ALTERNATIVE PROPOSAL

Date: June 15, 2020
To: Members of the City Council and Members of the Public
From: Council President Rebecca Kaplan
Re: OPD Funding for Helicopter and Shot-Spotter

We have before us requests to authorize actions of significant expense, and regarding which there may be more effective strategies available, and which warrant additional exploration, consideration of community needs, costs, and options.

These are both funding requests for the police department, for Shot-Spotter gunshot detection technology, and for helicopter upkeep, operations, and maintenance. The helicopter maintenance funding proposal describes the intention to continue to expend millions of dollars on very old unreliable equipment, which is expected to continue to deteriorate. It describes intended extensive widespread use at very high cost, in a topic of public concern.

Both funding requests ask us to commit significant amounts of money, during a time of financial challenge. Thus, in order to handle these funding requests, in a manner that is responsive to public needs and to making financially wise choices, better evaluation of alternatives would be worth pursuing.

Therefore, I propose the following interim alternative proposal.

- 1) To return to Council after reviewing additional information about options, and feedback.
- 2) In the interim, to provide funding approval of:
 - a. \$250,000 to maintain shot-spotter during review.
 - b. \$250,000 for helicopter maintenance during review.
- 3) This would leave \$2,000,000 of proposed helicopter expenditures, and \$1,574,448 of proposed shotspotter expenditures, that would not be authorized by this action, and for which decisions would be made at a future time.
For a total of \$3,574,448 remaining to be determined.

Here are the item titles, and some suggested review topics:

Subject: OPD RSI Helicopter Maintenance Contract

<https://oakland.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=4569061&GUID=7BFC1487-E26F-44D9-ABE5-164F2013E4B7>

From: Oakland Police Department

Recommendation: Adopt A Resolution Authorizing The City Administrator Or Designee To Enter Into A Professional Services Agreement With Rotorcraft Support, Inc. (RSI) To Provide Helicopter Maintenance Services To The Oakland Police Department (OPD) For The Period Of July 1, 2020 To June 30, 2022 In An Amount Not To Exceed Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand

Dollars (\$750,000) Per Year Or One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000) For July 1, 2020 To June 30, 2022, With An Option To Extend The Contract For One Additional Year To June 30, 2023, At The Same Rate Of Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000) Per Year, **For A Total Contract Not To Exceed Two Million, Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$2,250,000)**

To review: How often is helicopter use necessitated in order to transport persons to or from a location? How often is helicopter use primarily or exclusively for obtaining visual information? What analysis has been done about the negative impacts of helicopters on communities? On crowd control situations and public health? How is the use prioritized and determined? Pricing and alternatives for other options, including shared use, more focused prioritized use, alternative strategies, input from stakeholders.

Subject: OPD Shotspotter Contract

From: Oakland Police Department

<https://oakland.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=4569062&GUID=1386E333-E70F-4548-B860-C1C50DDAFE50>

Recommendation: Adopt 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” For 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)**

To review: How often are shot-spotter activations receiving an immediate police deployment response? How often is evidence such as shell-casings obtained by responding to a shot-spotter alert? What further steps would be needed to respond timely? To gather and review and process evidence? To be able to track guns, ammunition, and sources to help shut down illegal gun dealing and use? How is selection of shot-spotter installation locations prioritized and determined? How is deployment in response to alerts prioritized and determined? Are some areas less needed and/or less effective than others? 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.

Best wishes,



City Council
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Oakland City Council President

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