



## Legislation Text

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### Report to Mayor and City Council

Tuesday, January 09, 2024

Consent

#### **SUBJECT:**

**CONSIDER APPROVING A PURCHASE ORDER WITH BLACK KNIGHT PATROL INC. FOR SECURITY SERVICES RENDERED AT MULTIPLE PARK LOCATIONS (CITY COUNCIL)**

#### **I. SUMMARY**

Due to the increased safety concerns, break-ins, and vandalism at multiple city parks, Black Knight Patrol were tasked with providing temporary security services that included in-person and/or vehicle patrols from Sunday, October 8, 2023, to Friday, October 13, 2023. Thereafter, permanent security measures were put in place by Public Safety. The invoices for these services totaled \$27,875. To

#### **II. RECOMMENDATION**

TAKE the following actions:

1. WAIVE the contract requirements of the Carson Municipal Code ("CMC") pursuant to Carson Municipal Code 2605(b)(2)(ii).
2. AUTHORIZE the Purchasing Department to issue a Purchase Order to Black Knight in the total amount of \$27,875 to pay six (6) outstanding invoices received to date for FY 2023/24.
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#### **III. ALTERNATIVES**

TAKE another action the City Council deems appropriate, consistent with the requirements of the law.

#### **IV. BACKGROUND**

In the fall of 2023, a series of incidents occurred at various parks in which two (2) facilities sustained major damages and a Recreation staff member was robbed at gunpoint. On Monday, September 11, 2023, Del Amo Park was broken into and vandalized: Several exterior windows on the first floor, second floor, and the snack bar were shattered; city

equipment that included a computer and phone were found damaged; and paperwork and desktop accessories were strewn on the floor. Additionally, graffiti was found on kitchen appliances, cupboards, and the walls, and items from the snack bar were thrown around and goods were stolen.

On Friday, September 22, 2023, an employee from Carriage Crest Park was carjacked at gunpoint at the end of their shift in the parking lot.

On Wednesday, October 4, 2023, the Veterans Park building was broken into and vandalized. Specifically, the main entry door window was shattered; graffiti was found throughout the first and second floor walls; and equipment and papers were thrown on the floor. In the snack bar, the roll-up gate was pried open; graffiti was found on the floor; cash was stolen from the cash register; and snacks were thrown onto the ground. On Friday, October 6, 2023, Del Amo Park was again broken into, and the first-floor windows were damaged. On Monday, October 9, 2023, staff were informed by the Sheriffs about two (2) juveniles who were detained for vandalizing the Del Amo Park restroom.

As the seriousness of these incidences progressively increased, staff determined that overnight security was needed to protect the city's parks. To this end, Black Knight Patrol Services was brought in within 24 hours to provide this service, beginning on Sunday, October 8, 2023, and concluding on Friday, October 13, 2023.

The total cost for providing these services was \$27,875. As defined by Purchasing Ord. 17-1609, § 2, "Purchases of materials, supplies, equipment and services totaling \$25,000 or more from a single vendor during a fiscal year require the City Council approval." Therefore, City Council approval is requested to authorize payment of all outstanding invoices.

## **V. FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for these services are available in the FY 23/24 budget in the Department of Community Services/Administration Account Number 101-90-901-100-6004.**VI. EXHIBITS**

1. Invoice #8408 (pg. 4)
2. Invoice #8480 (pg. 5)
3. Invoice #8494 (pg. 6)
4. Invoice #8495 (pg. 7)
5. Invoice #8496 (pg. 8)
6. Invoice #8502 (pg. 9)

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