



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Business Information Services Department

Date: August 4, 2008

To: Honorable Paul Ostrow, Chair, Ways and Means/Budget Committee

Subject: Donation from A Plus Security and USIW for the use of mobile cameras and WIFI connectivity during the Republican National Convention - \$8,678.

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Reviews

- Permanent Review Committee (PRC): Approval N/A Date _____
- Civil Rights Approval Approval N/A Date _____
- Policy Review Group (PRG): Approval N/A Date _____

Financial Impact

- No financial impact

Supporting Information

The Republican National Convention (RNC) is scheduled for September 1, 2008 through September 5, 2008. A Plus Security, the City's current camera vendor, has offered to donate the use of six mobile cameras that could be rapidly deployed in an emergency situation during the RNC or the days leading up to the event. USIW, the City's WIFI vendor, has also offered to donate WIFI connectivity capability for the six cameras.

The mobile cameras will be deployed during critical situations and will provide the City of Minneapolis Emergency Preparedness team with a real-time visual of events as they develop and will allow the capability for faster, informed, and proactive decisions. The mobile cameras can provide an overall perspective that may not be readily apparent to people on the ground.

Because the six cameras and the WIFI connectivity will only be needed in case of an emergency, use of the cameras and connectivity will be discontinued after the RNC. The

value of the donation is estimated to be up to \$8,678 for deployment of the cameras and WIFI connectivity.

Recommendation

Business Information Services recommends that the City Council accepts A Plus Security's and USIW's donation of the use of six mobile cameras and WIFI connectivity capability during the Republican National Convention.