



Request for City Council Committee Action From the Department of

Date: April 24, 2001
To: Public Safety and Regulatory Services Committee
Referral to: Ways and Means

Subject

In order to appropriately respond to requests from cities outside of Minnesota and other potential strategic partners, and to implement/use the APS Automated Pawn System, the Police Department hereby requests permission to negotiate and contract for licensing of APS with this prospective client base. Assistance, review and final concurrence with negotiations to be provided by the City Attorney and/or outside legal specialists, as required.

Presenters in Committee

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Recommendation

Authorize Police Department to negotiate and implement Automated Pawn System licensing and support agreements with political subdivisions, outside Minnesota, and other potential strategic partners. Authorize the City Attorney to identify and provide required legal services in support of these negotiations including the drafting, reviewing and final concurrence of the agreements.

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget.

(If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)

Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget

Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget

Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase

Action requires use of contingency or reserves

Other financial impact (Explain): Agreement(s) will provide new revenues for City APS

Project

Request provided to the Budget Office when provided to the Committee Coordinator

Community Impact (use any categories that apply)

Neighborhood Notification

City Goals

Comprehensive Plan

Zoning Code

Other

Background/Supporting Information Attached

Automating the collection, management and dissemination of pawn shop and secondhand dealer transaction information is rapidly becoming a high priority for cities and states across the nation. At the same time, developing new database applications to facilitate these tasks is increasingly cost prohibitive. This has caused communities to search for existing solutions, such as the APS Automated Pawn System, that they can license, implement, and use quicker and more economically.

Since its implementation in Minnesota four years ago, APS has developed a national reputation in the law enforcement community as the premier pawn shop program for police. Jurisdictions that have expressed strong interest in licensing APS range in size from California and Wisconsin to Champaign, Illinois and Fayetteville, North Carolina. Each new user will present a challenge to the scaleable standards-based design of APS, and each will offer us the opportunity to influence the setting of national pawn data standards.

The goals are the same for any community seeking ways to automate the regulation of their pawn shops— increased identification and recovery of stolen property, increased identification and apprehension of suspects, increased operational efficiencies and lower costs. What varies are their local laws, the number of shops they regulate, and their ability to afford good solutions. These variables are unique to each community and require individualized license, support and price agreements for APS.