



Legislation Text

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Need: As part of a comprehensive approach to preventing and fighting crime in the City of Columbus, Mayor Michael B. Coleman has directed the use of camera technology as a surveillance tool at city events. This legislation authorizes the Director of the Department of Public Safety to enter into contract with ICX Tactical Platforms Corporation for the purchase of two Skywatch Surveillance Camera Platforms. The Skywatch Sentinel from ICX Tactical Platforms will allow the Division of Police to conduct surveillance during festivals and other large City events safely and effectively. These units can function in a manned or unmanned capacity and will communicate with existing video sources currently in use by the Division of Police, such as the helicopter units. The Safety Director's Office negotiated for this contract under the sole source procurement provision.

Bid Information: This is a sole source procurement. Sky Watch is a patented product by ICX Tactical Platforms under the U.S Patent Number 5,295,555. No other product to date combines its many features and construction into one system that includes:

- Elevated Surveillance and Deterrence
- A fully enclosed cab equipped with heating and air-conditioning and more
- Stand-alone capability.
- Generator as well as shore power sources.

The cost associated with these services was negotiated with the supplier to ensure the best pricing for the City of Columbus.

This company is not debarred according to the Federal excluded parties listing or prohibited from being awarded a contract according to the Auditor of State unresolved finding for recovery certified search.

This ordinance also orders the transfer of \$243,827.00 between projects within the Safety Voted Bond Fund as a temporary funding measure until bonds are sold to reimburse the Computer Aided Dispatch System, and amends the 2008 Capital Improvement Budget, ordinance #0690-2008 to reflect such transfer.

Emergency Designation: Emergency legislation is requested for this ordinance so as to allow for the use of the platform in upcoming summer events.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The 2008 Capital Improvements Budget authorizes \$1,550,000 for Safety Cameras. This ordinance authorizes an expenditure of \$243,827.00 for two Skywatch Platforms to be used at city events as outlined above. As a temporary measure until bonds are sold for the 2008 CIB, the total amount for this purchase will be transferred from the Police and Fire Computer Aided Dispatch Project (CAD). The CAD funds will be reimbursed upon completion of a bond sale.

To authorize and direct the Public Safety Director to enter into contract with ICX Tactical Platforms Corporation for the purchase of Skywatch Surveillance Camera Platforms in accordance with provisions of sole source procurement; to amend the 2008 Capital improvement Budget; to authorize the City Auditor to transfer \$243,827.00 within projects in the Safety Voted Bond Fund; to authorize the expenditure of \$243,827.00 from the Safety Voted Bond Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$243,827.00)

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Safety pursued a negotiated bid in accordance with sole source provisions of the Columbus City Code, and

WHEREAS, ICX Tactical Platforms Corporation is a "Sole Source" for Skywatch Technology, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to waive provisions of Section 329.06 of the Columbus City Code, and

WHEREAS, this ordinance amends the Capital Improvements Budget Ordinance No. 0690-2008, and

WHEREAS, this ordinance authorizes the City Auditor to transfer \$243,827.00 between projects within the Safety Voted Bond Fund, and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Public Safety, in that it is immediately necessary to contract for the purchase of two Skywatch Surveillance Camera Platforms to be used in upcoming festivals, thereby preserving the public peace, property, health, safety and welfare; now therefore:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

SECTION 1. That the 2008 Capital Improvement Budget number 0690-2008 is hereby amended as follows:

Safety Voted Bond Fund 30-03

<u>Project/Project #</u>	<u>CIB Amount</u>	<u>Revised CIB</u>
Comp. Aided Dispatch Syst. 320016-100000 (Carryover Funding)	\$4,377,907.00	\$4,134,080
NEW FUNDING	\$ 943,193	\$1,187,020
Safety Surveillance Cameras 310003-100000 (Carryover)	\$0	\$243,827.00
Safety Surveillance Cameras-New Funding	\$1,550,000	\$1,306,173.00

SECTION 2. That the City Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to transfer funds within the Safety Voted Bond Fund as follows:

FROM:

Dept/Div: 30-02|Fund: 701|Project Number 320016|Project Name - Police-Fire Comp. Aided Dispatch Syst.|OCA Code 701016|Amount \$243,827.00

TO:

Dept/Div: 30-01|Fund: 701|Project Number 310003|Project Name - Safety Surveillance Cameras|OCA Code 701003|Amount \$243,827.00

SECTION 3. That the Department of Public Safety is hereby authorized to enter into contract with ICX Tactical Platform Corporation for the purchase of two Skywatch Surveillance Camera Platforms.

SECTION 4. That the expenditure of \$243,827.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary in regard to the action authorized in SECTION 3, be and is hereby authorized and approved as follows:

Division: 30-01

Fund: 701

Project: 310003

OCA Code: 701003

Object Level 1: 06

Object Level 3: 6652

Amount: \$243,827.00

SECTION 5. That the City Auditor is authorized to make any accounting changes to revise the funding source for all contracts or contract modifications associated with this ordinance.

SECTION 6. That for the reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor, or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.