



Takoma Park City Council Meeting – October 23, 2019 Agenda Item 4I

Voting Session (Consent Agenda)

Single Reading Ordinance Approving a Contract between the City of Takoma Park and Conduent State and Local Solutions, Inc. for Photo Speed Enforcement Services

Recommended Council Action

Approve the ordinance.

Context with Key Issues

The Police Department is seeking authority to enter into a new contract with Conduent State and Local Solutions, Inc. (Conduent) in accordance with the terms of an existing contract between Conduent and Prince George's County. The City is currently in a month-to-month contract for photo speed enforcement services with Conduent, riding off Montgomery County's contract with a cost of \$6,451 per month per camera. The current cameras and equipment in use under the existing contract are aging (10 years old) and in need of replacement; replacement can only occur with a new contract due to the depreciation of equipment. Montgomery County has not entered into a new contract with Conduent. Therefore, the City of Takoma Park is seeking to ride Prince George's County's contract for photo enforcement services.

The proposed contract, riding off Prince George's County's contract, will provide all new equipment and significantly reduce administration costs to run the program. The new contract will stipulate the replacement of all equipment with robust high-quality resolution cameras with multi-lane capture capacities at the reduced cost of \$3,349 per month per camera.

Council Priority

Engaged, Responsive and Service Oriented Government

Environmental Considerations

The City of Takoma Park and Conduent State and Local Solutions, Inc. are entering into this contract to reduce speeding on residential streets and schools to prevent injuries and fatalities among pedestrians and motorists.

Fiscal Considerations

Significant reduction in administrative costs for the *Safe Speed Program* plus the opportunity to cite drivers in each travel lane of New Hampshire Avenue. The estimated cost saving of entering into a new contract with Conduent State and Local Solutions, Inc. is approximately \$257,604.

Racial Equity Considerations

In July 2017, the City Council passed Resolution 2017-45 Establishing the City Council's Goals and Priorities for the Takoma Park Police Department. It is the expectation of the City Council that the

Contract authorized by this Ordinance is consistent with these goals and priorities and that any employee authorized to perform duties under the *Safe Speed Program* in the City of Takoma Park will be familiar with and abide by those Goals and Priorities pertinent to their role in the City. Use of speed cameras reduces concerns that traffic enforcement may be subjective and possibly affected by the race of vehicle occupants.

Attachments and Links

- Draft Single Reading Ordinance

Introduced by:

Single Reading Ordinance

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND
ORDINANCE NO. 2019-_____**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER
TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR A PHOTO SPEED ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM**

- WHEREAS, Maryland law allows municipalities to enact photo speed enforcement programs; and
- WHEREAS, the goal of the photo speed enforcement program set forth in Maryland law is to reduce speeding on residential streets and streets near schools in an effort to prevent injuries and fatalities among pedestrians and motorists; and
- WHEREAS, photo speed cameras are an additional tool available to police in speed enforcement; and
- WHEREAS, the City's current contract with Conduent State and Local Solutions, Inc. (Conduent) for photo speed enforcement has a cost of \$6,451.00 per month per camera; and
- WHEREAS, the cameras in the City are outdated, and the City must enter into a new contract to obtain replacement cameras; and
- WHEREAS, Prince George's County has competitively bid and awarded a contract for a photo speed enforcement program to Conduent with a cost of \$3,349.00 per camera per month; and
- WHEREAS, entering into a new contract with Conduent under the terms of the Prince George's County contract would result in the installation of new cameras in the City and cost savings; and
- WHEREAS, in accordance with the City's purchasing code, the City may enter into contracts or agreements for cooperative purchasing, without the requirement of competitive bidding.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND THAT:

SECTION 1. The City Manager is authorized to enter into a contract with Conduent State and Local Solutions, Inc. for a photo speed enforcement program.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

Adopted this _____ day of _____ 2019.

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NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: