

Council Business Meeting

September 3, 2019

Agenda Item	Security Camera on Velocity	
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SUMMARY

The City Council is being asked to approve the use of a City-owned security camera on the public art known as Velocity located in the alley known as the Theatre Corridor.

POLICIES, PLANS & GOALS SUPPORTED

Goal 2: Analyze City departments/programs to gain efficiencies, reduce costs and improve services

Goal 3: Enhance and improve transparency and communication

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION

On June 3, 2019, the City Council held a Study Session at which security cameras were discussed. The City Council decided not to develop a security camera policy, but rather have requests reviewed by the Council on a case-by-case basis.

BACKGROUND AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Shortly after Velocity was installed a security camera to view it, however it was never turned on. The Public Arts Commission has come forward with a request to have the security camera turned on. There have been two issues with vandalism and there is a chance that if the camera had been working the Police Department may have been able to identify the person or persons that vandalized Velocity by hanging on its tail end.

Currently the length of retention of camera footage is 14 days. Information Technology Manager and Network Administrator have access rights to the footage as does the Police Department. There may be times when other staff members need to see footage. Only the City Administrator would have the authority to grant additional access.

FISCAL IMPACTS

The total cost of installing and connecting the City-owned security camera at Velocity was approximately \$7,380. The security camera uses a wireless access point that Ashland Fiber Network installed for \$1,550. The wireless access point serves multiple functions and the \$1,550 was paid mostly out of the parking funds because the access point serves the three parking pay stations in the Hargadine parking structure. It is also used to connect the EV charges in the parking structure to the City. The Public Works budget paid an additional \$680 for the connection between the wireless access and the camera system. The electrical labor was all done by City staff, estimated at \$1,000. The camera and associated equipment cost approximately \$4,200. The equipment should last six to eight years without much maintenance needed.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends activating the City-owned security camera on the public art known as Velocity.



ACTIONS, OPTIONS & POTENTIAL MOTIONS

I move to approve the activation of the City-owned security camera on the public art know as Velocity.

I move to amend staff recommendation in the following way _____ and approve the activation of the City-owned security camera on the public art know as Velocity.

REFERENCES & ATTACHMENTS

N/A