



ITEM 20
Supplemental 2

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SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA MATERIAL for Supplemental Packet 2

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Item Description: **Budget Referral: Security Cameras in the Public Right Of Way at Intersections Experiencing Increased Violent Crime, and Environmental Safety Assessment for High Crime Areas**

Submitted by: Councilmember Hahn

Cameras are being placed in the public right of way to deter and help solve major criminal and/or violent incidents, and footage should not be used for general surveillance, shared with ICE or other agencies, or be accessed to address minor and/or non-criminal events. This supplemental recommends adding a fourth element to the Recommendations provided in Item 12, as amended by Councilmembers Taplin and Kesarwani in Supplemental I, requiring preparation and Council approval of a Surveillance Use Policy prior to deployment of cameras.

Addition of this fourth element will ensure full transparency regarding collection, retention, and use of camera recordings. While not necessarily required by the City's surveillance ordinance, a Surveillance Use Policy as defined in BMC Section 2.99.020 should be prepared by staff and approved by the City Council prior to deployment of cameras to ensure footage is only viewed and utilized in connection with violent or other major crimes when there is a reasonable basis to believe suspects may have entered or exited the area of the reported violent or other major crime via a particular set of streets or intersections.

Recommendation #4: Require the City Manager to prepare and obtain City Council approval for a Surveillance Use Policy, as defined in BMC Section 2.99.020, prior to deployment of cameras, to ensure footage is only viewed and utilized in connection with violent or other major crimes when there is a reasonable basis to believe suspects may have entered or exited the area of the reported violent or other major crime via a particular set of streets or intersections.