

**POWER POINTS**

**CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING**

**DECEMBER 6, 2022**

# City Council Meeting December 6, 2022



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# City Council Meeting Closed Session December 6, 2022



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# Pledge of Allegiance



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## City Council Meeting December 6, 2022

**S1 – Discuss, Receive and File Annual  
Report of Public Safety Camera System**



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# Background

Public Safety Camera System (PSCS) Policies and Procedures requires City Manager or authorized designee to conduct an annual review of system.

- Phase 1 of the PSCS activated September 20, 2021
- As of November 30, 2022, 33 people have authorized access
- Riverside County Sheriff's Department has 28 authorized users of the system

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# Background

- Kris Gunterson, Traffic Management Analyst, is the City's assigned system administrator, and in-house trainer
- PSCS is used to monitor streets and City property, aid in traffic management, major event support, and criminal investigations
- There are currently 105 cameras throughout the City
- Total cost of equipment, software and maintenance for the current system is \$1,281,313.37

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# System Overview

- Dedicated servers not on the City's computer network.
- Cameras connect via Traffic Signal Fiber Optic Backbone.
- Video images managed by Genetec software.
- Video images saved on 5 servers for 1 year.
- Any exported video evidence is maintained indefinitely.
- System users can access video from any of the four work stations.
- Public record requests are handled by Kris Gunterson or Dana Lagunas.
- Learning curve of system capabilities is on-going.
  - Visual tracking and recording
  - Virtual trip line alarms
  - Motion detection alarms

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# Camera Height Study



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20'



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# PSCS Annual Review

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LT. ANDY MARTINEZ

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## Background

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In 2021, the City of La Quinta installed the Public Safety Camera Systems (PSCS) throughout the City to aid in traffic management, major event support, and criminal investigations. Access to law enforcement began in November of 2021.

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- **Analysis of the cost, benefit and effectiveness of the system.**

- Performs as intended, capturing wide area views and in some cases, focused views.
- Primary uses
  - Traffic collision investigations to confirm facts and parties at fault.
  - Post crime review to identify vehicles involved, directions of travel and number of persons involved.
  - Daytime events increase the likelihood of a license plate capture.
  - Plate captures require multiple camera views/searches to a point of slow or no movement.
  - Darkness decreases the chances of obtaining license plates, or clearly identifying make, model and color.



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- **Public safety issues that were effectively addressed.**

- Law Enforcements investigative abilities enhanced
  - Generating investigative leads
- Users feel the PSCS has significantly contributed to their investigations
  - PSCS review has become a first step in criminal investigations



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- **Significant prosecutions that resulted.**
  - 2022 – 85 video exports by the Sheriff’s team
    - February 2022 – Hit and Run Collision, Suspect Fled on Foot, Narcotics Found in Vehicle
    - May 2022 – Armed Robbery
    - June 2022 – Organized Retail Theft



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- **Systemic operational or administrative issues that were identified, including those related to training, discipline, or policy.**
  - Software familiarity
    - Difficult for infrequent users
    - Access was limited to few team members
  - Access
    - Accessing the single terminal at the La Quinta Sub-Station was difficult for crime analyst, investigators and SET deputies.
    - Two dedicated terminals were installed in the SET Office at Thermal Station and Crime Analyst
  - Remote Access (VPN)
    - Often unstable, difficult to connect or slow connection



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- **Retention of Longitudinal Data to be able to evaluate trends, costs, apprehensions, on a long-term basis.**
  - 2022 Video Export Review:
    - Most exports occurred on or near date of incident
    - Oldest export was 121 days old, average of 9 days.



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# OPEN HOUSE IN PROGRESS

5:30 PM – 6:30 PM



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PH1 – Street Vacation of a Portion of  
Avenida Bermudas and Avenida La Fonda



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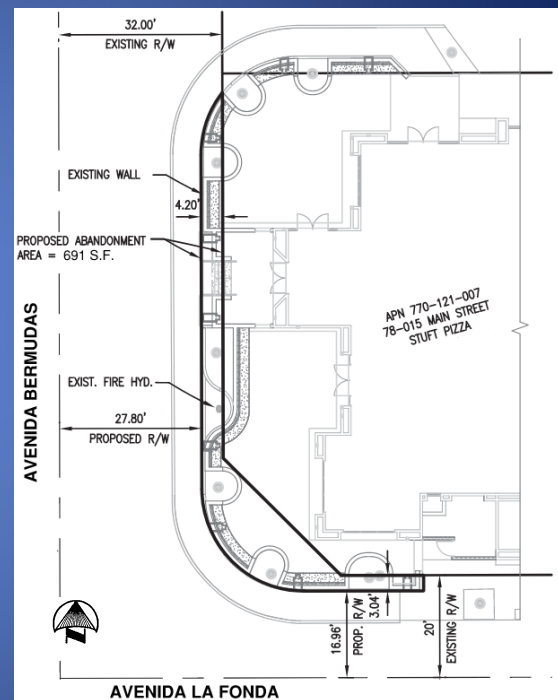
# Proposed Street Vacation

- Area was dedicated on a subdivision map in 1946
- Adjacent to the Stuff Pizza restaurant at 78015 Main Street Suite 100. Vacation area contains the encroaching part of the restaurant's existing outdoor patio
- Area not needed for street purposes
- PC made finding that it's consistent with La Quinta General Plan on November 8, 2022
- Exempt under CEQA Guidelines, Section 15301(c) – Class 1
- No objections from utility agencies. CVWD requested an easement

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## Plot Plan

- Vacation area is 691 square-foot
- Adjacent sidewalk is ~6-foot wide
- Modification by Applicant (MBA) application for patio improvements was submitted. Street vacation is required prior to approval of the MBA application



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**B5 – Re-allocate Funds from Capitol  
Improvement and Park Equipment funds**



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## Background

- Splash pad at La Quinta park recently damaged - does not meet current codes
- Pumps and filters reached their useful life
- Splash pad is a high use amenity



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## Funding

- Replacement funds are available through re-allocation of CIP project accounts and park replacement fund
- The skatepark conversion, replacement of the World Fitness equipment, and shade over swings at La Quinta park, would be re-scheduled

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# Fiscal Impact

- Material costs and labor have increased substantially over the past two years
- Staff requests \$850,000, this amount includes an estimated cost of between \$750,000 to replace the splash pad, and \$100,000 in contingency

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QUESTIONS?

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