



Department Source: Police

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: December 2, 2024

Re: Services Agreement – PENLiNK: PLX software subscription fees

## Executive Summary

Staff has prepared for Council consideration a resolution authorizing the City Manager to sign a services agreement with PENLiNK for PLX software annual subscription fees to be used for organization and analysis of data already in the possession of the police department.

## Discussion

The PENLiNK PLX software has been used the last several years for the purpose of organizing and analyzing information to associate persons, phone numbers and locations by importing datasets already in possession by the police department from various sources that are publicly available, given by consent or obtained through a valid search warrant. We are requesting to continue the PLX software subscription that will be used for investigative purposes.

The annual subscription fees have been paid yearly since the initial purchase by utilizing a sole-source (no other vendor to buy PENLiNK PLX subscription from) and beginning in 2019, also a yearly review of terms and conditions by the City's legal department.

For the 2025 renewal, both the legal department and the purchasing agent have requested that the software services agreement be brought to City Council for approval so the services agreement can last for more years than the purchasing agent authority allows, resulting in no longer requiring the yearly legal review and sole-source process to renew the subscription.

## Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: There is no additional fiscal impact with approving the services agreement; the yearly renewal cost is a line item within the Police Operating core budget. Long-Term Impact: No additional costs for years beyond two; will be included in future years operating budget as a line item.

## Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

### [Strategic Plan Impacts:](#)

Primary Impact: Organizational Excellence, Secondary Impact: Safe Community, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

### [Comprehensive Plan Impacts:](#)



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Primary Impact: Not Applicable, Secondary Impact: Not applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

## Legislative History

Date	Action
N/A	N/A

## Suggested Council Action

Should council agree, staff recommends passing the resolution authorizing the City Manager to sign a services agreement with PENLiNK for PLX software annual subscription fees.