



City Council
Agenda Memo

TO: Larry D. Gilley, City Manager
FROM: Mindy Patterson, Director of Finance

City Council
Meeting Date: July 10, 2014

SUBJECT: Oral Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Handheld Electronic Ticket Writers from Brazos Technology

GENERAL INFORMATION

Currently the City of Abilene Municipal Court manually inputs over 1,850 tickets monthly. This process is not only time consuming but because of the manual data entry and handwritten citations it can involve numerous human errors. With the solution of electronic ticketing officers can enter most of the required information by scanning the bar code or magnetic stripe on the violator’s license. This would also enhance officer safety. Electronic ticketing enables officers to clear traffic stops three to five times faster and allows an officer to verify a violator’s identity against current Municipal Court warrants before they turn their back to return to their patrol car. The citation can then be uploaded to Municipal Court eliminating the data entry function.

Staff is requesting that by oral resolution the City Council authorize the package purchase including 45 handheld ticket writers and all associated hardware and software from Brazos Technology (Brazos) to be utilized by the Police Department and Marshals division. Brazos is the sole source vendor for this purchase.

This purchase will allow the Municipal Court to process citations more efficiently, and they will also enable the court to move toward a paper-lite environment.

FUNDING/FISCAL IMPACT

The total cost for this purchase is \$178,360, and this purchase is intended to be funded using the Municipal Court Technology Fund.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council authorize the purchase as described above.

ATTACHMENTS

Sole source provider letter.

<p>Prepared By:</p> <p>Name <u>Mindy Patterson</u></p> <p>Title <u>Director of Finance</u></p>	<p>Item No. <u>6.5</u></p>	<p>Disposition by City Council</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Denied</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Ord/Res #</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>City Secretary</p>
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May 21, 2014

City of Abilene, TX
Attn: Pascual Mirelez

RE: Brazos Mobile Citations/Tyler Technologies Interface Purchase

Dear Mr. Mirelez,

The intent of this letter is to provide verification to the City of Abilene, TX of the following facts:

1. Our partnership with Brazos Technology has led us to develop an interface with functionality that is offered exclusively with Brazos RDC Software.
2. Brazos Technology is the only mobile citation vendor that uses Incode as the source for offense codes, officer information, and fine amounts. With other vendors, the user would have to maintain this information within both systems.
3. Brazos Technology is the only mobile citation vendor in which we push active warrants from Incode Court software directly into the hand-held ticket writers.

We have put a tremendous amount of effort into our product. We sincerely hope that you will find that it simplifies many aspects of your staff's responsibilities. All of our development efforts are currently directed toward this product, so in the coming years, you will continue to see additional features and functionality added to the product.

Tyler Technologies appreciates the trust that the City of Abilene, TX has placed in our company with this purchasing decision and will continue to work to earn your business. If there is anything else we can do, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S. Brett Cate". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "S" and a stylized "B" and "C".

S. Brett Cate
President, Local Government Division