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Item Title: Approve one-year contract renewal with VIP Security & Investigations, LLC to provide citywide security services with an estimated expenditure of \$377,000

Internal Notes:

Target Meeting: 09/03/2024

Sponsors:

Enactment Date:

Attachments: FOR COUNCIL - First Amendment - Agreement for VIP Security Services Renewal (ITS 210576), Fully Executed - Agreement for Security Guard Services - VIP Security & Investigations, LLC (ITS 210576), Council Approval - Security Guard Services Contract 210903 10-05-2021

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Recommendation:

Hearing Date:

Entered by: cramos@ocalafl.gov

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History of Legislative File

Version:	Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Sent To:	Due Date:	Return Date:	Result:
1	City Council	09/03/2024	Approved				Pass
	Action Text:						
	Notes:	There being no discussion the motion carried by roll call vote.					
		Aye: 5 Pro Tem Dreyer, Council Member Bethea Sr, Council Member Hilty Sr, Council Member Musleh, and Council President Mansfield					

Text of Legislative File 2024-1898

Submitted By: Christopher Ramos

Presentation By: Christopher Ramos

Department: Information Technology

STAFF RECOMMENDATION (Motion Ready):

Approve one-year contract renewal with VIP Security & Investigations, LLC to provide citywide security services with an estimated expenditure of \$377,000

OCALA'S RELEVANT STRATEGIC GOALS:

Quality of Place

PROOF OF PUBLICATION:

N/A

BACKGROUND:

The City of Ocala has an ongoing need for security services for City Hall, the Citizens Service Center, the City Complex, and the downtown parking garage. Security officers guide citizens, greet and process visitors at City Hall, monitor the parking garage, monitor Citizens Circle, patrol the City Complex, and enforce ordinances and rules on City property.

Security officers have responded promptly when called upon to deal with aggressive patrons at the Citizens Service Center and City Hall. The presence of security officers provides a visible deterrent throughout the City Complex, parking garage, and Citizens Circle. Additionally, loitering in and around Citizens Circle has been reduced, and security presence ensures the safety of citizens in the public parking garage during evening hours. Having security guards on-site has proven to be a valuable asset in ensuring that staff, citizens, and visitors are protected from potential acts of violence.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS:

On October 5, 2021, City Council approved the award of a three-year contract to VIP Security & Investigations, LLC, for the provision of citywide security services. The contract included three optional renewal terms.

VIP Security & Investigations met all contractual obligations throughout the initial three-year term. The City has also been able to request additional security services for various ad-hoc events that arise throughout the year. Staff recommends approval of the first available renewal term.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funds for the annual renewal of \$377,000 will be paid under Munis Contract No. 240981 and will be budgeted in Fiscal Year 2024-25 accounts:

- 001-035-214-529-52-34010
- 457-032-214-531-53-34010

PROCUREMENT REVIEW:

These services were procured in compliance with the City's Procurement Policy.

LEGAL REVIEW:

This Amendment will be reviewed and approved for form and legality by City Attorney, William E. Sexton.

ALTERNATIVE:

- Approve with Changes
- Table
- Deny

