

Analysis

This resolution approves the second amendment to a sole source contract between the Metropolitan Government and Fusus, Inc.

Section 4.12.060 of Metropolitan Code of Laws requires the Metropolitan Council to approve sole source contracts with values of more than \$250,000. The Metropolitan Council did not approve the original agreement with Fusus, which was worth \$175,000, however, the original contract should have been subject to Council approval pursuant to Metropolitan Code of Laws Section 13.08.080.C, which requires contracts for surveillance technology meeting certain conditions to be approved by the Council after a public hearing. The Metropolitan Department of Law has been in contact with the Purchasing Division of the Finance Department and the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department (“MNPDP”) related to contracts that implicate Metropolitan Code of Laws Section 13.08.080.C to assure public hearings are held going forward.

The original contract began on September 15, 2022. A prior amendment extended the term of the contract to 24 months and the contract is set to expire September 15, 2024. As part of the agreement, Fusus provides community safety video integration services, which is designed to provide a platform to collect and share public video footage and data integration to expedite intelligence gathering and criminal investigations. Fusus allows for members of the public to voluntarily register cameras and share videos with MNPDP. MNPDP maintains a map of registered cameras, but only authorized MNPDP personnel have access to the registry map. The map allows MNPDP to know if there are registered cameras within the vicinity of a crime or critical incident and to request footage from the registered camera owner. The camera owner can choose whether to provide MNPDP with access to the footage. This technology also allows MNPDP to access Metropolitan Nashville Public School cameras in real time in the event of an active shooter or similar emergency.

The amendment under consideration increases the contract value by \$175,000, from \$175,000 to \$350,000.

Fiscal Note: This amendment increases the estimated life value of contract number 6518701 by \$175,000 to \$350,000 to be paid from Fund 10101, Business Unit 31160110.