# AN ORDINANCE NO 24-107

### **ENTITLED**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE USE OF RED SPEED CAMERA FUNDS RE: FLOCK SAFETY CAMERAS; FURTHER AUTHORIZING AMENDING THE CITY OF ALBANY'S FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET FOR SUCH PURCHASE; REPEALING PRIOR ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the citizens of the City of Albany, Georgia, to contract with Flock Group, Inc. to purchase license plate reader cameras and fixed cameras; and

WHEREAS, this purchase is a public safety initiative of the City; and

WHEREAS, the proposed expenditure meets the requirements in O.C.G.A. § 40-14-18(m),

WHEREAS, it is further in the City's best interest to amend the fiscal year 2024 budget as described in Agenda Item of April 17, 2024; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the City of Albany, Georgia and it is hereby ordained by authority of same:

SECTION 1. The Chief Financial Officer is authorized to expend up to \$213,900 of Red Speed Camera, traffic and pedestrian safety funds for the above-described purchase.

SECTION 2. The Mayor and Board of Commissioners hereby approve this budget amendment for the fiscal year 2024 Adopted Budget as described in Agenda Item described above.

SECTION 3. The Chief Financial Officer is authorized and directed to make appropriate line-item adjustments to the budget for FY 24.

SECTION 4. All ordinances, or parts of ordinances, in conflict herewith are repealed.

ATTEST:

Adopted: May 28, 2024

Introduced By: Jon Howard

# **CITY OF ALBANY**

#### **BOARD OF CITY COMMISSION**



#### **AGENDA ITEM**

DATE:

April 17, 2024

MEETING DATE:

May 7, 2024

SUBJECT:

Flock Safety Cameras

PRESENTED FOR:

Decision: ⊠

Information:  $\Box$ 

PRESENTER(S):

Chief Michael Persley – Chief of Police

Corey Gamble – Buyer II

## **Statement of Issue:**

License Plate Reader Cameras and Fixed Cameras – Flock Group, Inc. – Total expenditure \$213,900.00

#### **History/ Facts and Issues:**

The Albany Police Department has implemented various technologies to assist with addressing crime and the perception of crime. The additional devices (cameras and license plate readers) will provide coverage in areas that can supplement patrol operations. This proposal will continue the expansion of the technology program that has been implemented by the Albany Police Department. The cost includes 24 pan-tilt-zoom cameras, 6 advanced automated license plate recognition cameras, annual maintenance, and installation.

# **Options/Pro and Cons:**

#### Pros:

- The vendor will continue to provide support and monitoring of the system.
- These devices will increase the digital capacity of monitoring key areas within Albany.
- This will enhance information sharing with other law enforcement agencies nationwide.

#### Cons:

- The City will continue to incur an annual maintenance expense as long as this system is being maintained.
- Will not solve crime alone without additional technology (Real-Time Crime Center).
- There is a budget impact of \$213,900.00.

#### **Recommended Action:**

Approval to include a budget amendment.

# **Fiscal Impact/Funding Source:**

2201.8016 – camera equipment \$90,000.00 & 2201.7510 – professional services \$123,900.00 RedSpeed Collections Fund Balance