



STAFF REPORT

Resolution authorizing acceptance of a grant of digital camera equipment valued at \$6,512 from Nikon Precision to the Belmont Police Department.

Honorable Mayor and Council Members

Summary

Since February 2003, Belmont Police Department has been using digital cameras for a majority of its crime and accident scene photography.

There are several digital cameras in use by the department ranging from low (1 megapixel) to medium resolution (3 megapixel). While these cameras are sufficient for general photography, major crime scene photography is still done with 35 mm film. The department has looked into purchasing a high resolution, 35mm SLR quality digital camera for use by the department's evidence technicians, however budget constraints prevented obtaining such a camera.

Upon learning of this need, Nikon Precision of Belmont through its community donation program, offered to provide digital cameras for both general and major crime scene photography. After assessing the department's needs, Nikon Precision has donated five medium resolution cameras (4 megapixel) for general photography and one high resolution (6.1 megapixel) digital SLR camera with lens and flash.

The cameras donated are as follows:

- 5 - Nikon Coolpix 4300 Auto Focus Cameras (\$2,995 manufacturer's suggested retail price)
- 1 - Nikon D100 Digital SLR Camera Body (\$2,499 manufacturer's suggested retail price)
- 1 - Nikon AF 24-85mm lens (\$599 manufacturer's suggested retail price)
- 1 - Nikon SB-800 Electronic Digital Flash Unit (\$419 manufacturer's suggested retail price)

Fiscal Impact

The donated digital photographic equipment valued at \$6,512 would go directly to the Belmont Police Department for official use.

Recommendation

Accept grant of equipment from Nikon Precision

Alternatives

1. Provide alternative direction
2. Take no action at this time

Attachments

None

Respectfully submitted,

Sergeant Patrick Halleran
Acting Capt. - Support Services

Donald J. Mattei
Chief of Police

Jere A. Kersnar
City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT OF DIGITAL CAMERA EQUIPMENT VALUED AT \$6,512 FROM NIKON PRECISION TO THE BELMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT.

WHEREAS, since February 2003, Belmont Police Department has been using digital cameras for a majority of its crime and accident scene photography; and

WHEREAS, while these cameras used by the department are sufficient for general photography, major crime scene photography is still done with 35 mm film; and

WHEREAS, the department has looked into a high resolution, 35mm SLR quality digital camera for use by the department's evidence technicians, however budget constraints prevented obtaining such a camera; and

WHEREAS, upon learning of this need, Nikon Precision of Belmont, through its community donation program, offered to provide digital cameras for both general and major crime scene photography.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Belmont hereby authorizes and directs the City Manager to accept a grant of digital photography equipment valued at \$6,512.00 from Nikon Precision.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Belmont at a regular meeting thereof held June 8, 2004 by the following vote:

AYES, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

NOES, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

ABSTAIN, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

ABSENT, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

CLERK of the City of Belmont

APPROVED:

MAYOR of the City of Belmont