

Council Meeting of
August 14, 2012

Honorable Mayor and Members
of the Torrance City Council
City Hall
Torrance, California

Members of the Council:

SUBJECT: Police – Accept a donation of the Mutualink communication system, valued at \$22,048, from Simon Property Group.

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation of the Police Chief that Council accept a donation of the Mutualink Communications system, valued at \$22,048, from Simon Property Group.

Funding

Funding for an annual maintenance cost of \$2,300 beginning in the second year is available in the Police operating budget.

BACKGROUND

The Simon Property Group, which owns the Del Amo Fashion Center (DAFC), is purchasing and installing the Mutualink Communications system in several of its properties, including DAFC. Mutualink enhances communication capabilities between emergency operations centers and private business by linking radio, phone and video feeds from the business into the emergency operations center.

ANALYSIS

With the Mutualink equipment, DAFC security could allow the Police/Fire Communications personnel to view mall video cameras during a critical incident. DAFC security personnel could be put in direct communication with Police/Fire personnel by linking their radios or phones onto Police/Fire frequencies. This is made possible through a web-based system, and is a much less costly alternative than if the City were to install cameras at DAFC or share Police/Fire frequencies with DAFC security.

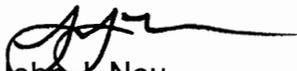
While DAFC is the first business in the City to have this equipment, other cities, such as San Francisco, have successfully used Mutualink to link private businesses and first responders. Staff recommends accepting this equipment donation from the Simon Property Group in support of a safe and secure community.

Respectfully submitted,

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CHIEF OF POLICE


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CONCUR:


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Chief of Police


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