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To: Chair Sara Nelson, Economic Development, Technology and City Light Committee
From: Lisa Judge, Inspector General for Public Safety
CC: Chair Lisa Herbold, Public Safety and Human Services Committee
Date: August 22, 2022
Re: September 2022 Annual Surveillance Technologies Usage Review Extension Request

Seattle Municipal Code Chapter (SMC) 14.18.060 requires OIG to produce a Surveillance Usage Review (SUR) report annually in September regarding Seattle Police Department (SPD) technologies. City Council approved the use of eight SPD technologies¹ in 2021, with OIG SUR reports due in September 2022. The technologies are:

- Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD);
- CopLogic;
- Forward Looking Infrared Cameras (FLIR);
- 911 Logging Recorder;
- Video Recording Systems;
- Situational Awareness Cameras Without Recording;
- Automated License Plate Readers (ALPR); and
- Parking Enforcement (including ALPR).

OIG is currently working to complete these inaugural reviews but will not have completed the work by September of 2022. OIG requests an extension for all current reviews until the end of Q1 2023 for the following reasons:

- First-time Surveillance Technology Usage Reviews are expected to involve a significant level of planning to understand current controls and develop testing methodologies. We anticipate that each first-time review will take an auditor several months to produce a report responsive to the baseline requirements of SMC 14.18.060.
- OIG lacks staff capacity to conduct the reviews internally. All auditors are assigned to other required and requested projects such as the biannual audit of SPD's compliance with SMC 14.12, as well as audits of SPD compliance with the Mi'Chance Dunlap-Gittens Youth Rights Ordinance and SPD's administration of leave benefits.
- OIG has been and is currently engaged in recruiting for an open position that will be dedicated to conducting and overseeing Surveillance Reviews, however that position will not be filled until September at the earliest.

¹OIG notes that although Parking Enforcement and the 911 Call Center have moved outside of SPD, OIG is still responsible for conducting reviews of technologies related to those operations.



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- OIG has contracted with a consultancy to perform the Surveillance Technology Usage Reviews for all eight technologies due this year, however the consultant's capacity is also limited by staffing and the security clearance necessary to access relevant SPD systems.

Therefore, OIG requests City Council approval to extend the due date for all OIG Surveillance Technology Usage Reviews due in 2022, to March 31, 2023.

Thank you very much for your consideration and assistance.