

CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH

POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMUNICATION

TO:

Chief Parra

FROM:

Captain Svendsbo

DATE:

January 23, 2024

SUBJECT:

City Council Chambers Security Assessment - Part 2

In October 2022 a security assessment of the City Council (CC) chambers was conducted. As a result, several updates were installed, to include alarmed push bars to upper level exit doors, peep hole view pieces at several "back of house" access doors, and deadbolts to better secure the caucus room.

Although these additions provide enhanced security, additional investments can be made to increase safety and security for attendees and city personnel at future meetings. One such feature is the purchase of walk-through metal detectors. A local HB company manufactures such a device, which is widely used by various event promoters, including Redrock Entertainment, who ran the security operations for our recent concert on the beach. These devices have a cost of \$6700 each plus tax, as per the attached quote. Each unit comes with one handheld wand.

I learned Anaheim and Santa Ana both employ metal detectors during their city council meetings, manned by private security officers. Each city deploys two detectors to expedite the screening process and in case one device encounters a break down or other issue. The installation of these devices comes with logistical needs during their operation. The devices require calibration before each use. The manufacturer will provide initial training regarding this procedure. While operating the devices, attendees will need to be funneled through the main CC chambers double doors, even if B7 and B8 are open for overflow. In such case, security will need to be posted on the other B7 and B8 doors to restrict entry for unscreened members of the public. Anyone reentering the chambers will require rescreening.

A minimum of three personnel will be needed to operate the devices, beginning at 5:00 pm on CC meeting nights. I have been in communication with a local private guard company, who can provide personnel to deploy the device during the meetings. They charge a rate of \$34 per hour for a licensed and trained security officer. This cost covers the wage, worker's compensation, general liability insurance, and taxes. I have also been in contact with Lyon Security Services, which the City already contracts with, and they can provide the same services at a cost of approximately \$30 per hour (per officer), with a minimum of four hours.

If a decision is made to move forward with purchasing and deployment these devices, additional administrative procedures will need to be conducted prior to implementation. Such procedures include:

- 1. Deploying a public service campaign to notice future attendees of the screening
- 2. Positing of signage
- 3. Time determination for opening chambers (slower entry with screening)
- 4. What items will be prohibited from the chambers
- 5. Allowing or disallowing CCW holders
- 6. Amnesty box placement

In addition to purchasing and operating a metal detector, I also recommend a more permanent/professional solution to deny public access to the base of the west public seating stairway, next to where the Chief of Police sits. This can be accomplished by purchasing and installing a wall-mounted retractable belt barrier and signage at a cost of less than \$100. This will aid in directing the public to exit via the east stairwell and out the main CC chambers entrance/exit.

Lastly, the installation of additional camera/monitoring systems is being reviewed/developed by Captain Garcia.

Equipment Costs:

Security Item	Number Needed	Estimated Cost		
Metal Detector	2	\$	14,400.00	
Belt Barrier / Signage	1	\$	100.00	
Total Cost:		\$	14,500.00	

Personnel Costs per month (ongoing):

Personnel Type	Number Guards / Hours Needed	Estimated Cost	
Private Security	5/5	\$	750.00
Total Estimated Monthly Cost:		\$	1,500.00



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