

San Bernardino police buy cameras for parks, business surveillance

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SAN BERNARDINO >> Police will add 20 cameras to parks and the Hospitality Lane area after receiving unanimous approval Monday night from the City Council.

The cameras, designed to deter crime, expand on a system of 21 cameras installed in the city beginning in 2012, according to a report by Police Chief Jarrod Burguan.

Installation is being done without any money from the bankrupt city's general fund, but monthly cellular charges of \$12,000 will have to be added to the police and parks department budgets, a staff report said.

Funding for installation in parks comes from \$425,000 in Community Development Block Grants, which come from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and are restricted to certain purposes. For the Hospitality Lane area, police received the council's permission to allocate \$125,000 in state funds designed to assist with the effects of AB 109, the law that since 2011 mandates that individuals sentenced to non-serious, non-violent or non-sex offenses will serve their sentences in county jails instead of state prison, resulting in criminals being released from jails.

CelPlan Technologies, which has offices in San Diego and in Reston, Virginia, gave a one-time discount of 20 percent for these 20 cameras.

One camera each will be added to Hospitality Lane at Hunts Lane, Diners Court, Waterman Avenue and Tippecanoe Avenue, as well as at the intersection of Harriman Avenue and Tippecanoe Avenue.

Additionally, 15 cameras will be distributed among Perris Hill Park, Seccombe Lake Park, Nunez Park, Lytle Creek Park, La Plaza Park, Ann Sherrill's Park and Delmann Heights Park.