

## Consent Calendar 12/11/07

### Item 21. [Contract No. 7055A Amendment: Securitas Security Services \(PDF, 250 KB\)](#) From: City Manager

**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to amend Contract No. 7055A with Securitas Security Services USA, Inc., for security guard services at the Corporation Yard, Solid Waste Center and Berkeley Marina for the period July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008, in an amount not to exceed \$300,095; and approving the option to extend the contract through FY 2009 in an amount not to exceed \$309,158, based on availability of funds. The total amount of the contract from FY 2007 through FY 2009 will not exceed \$851,628.

*Based on the contract extension placed on the Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> consent calendar, the City of Berkeley feels that private security guards can be used effectively in conjunction with Berkeley Police officers to combat crime in our community. CoB is currently paying for 4.5 FTE security guards to protect the Marina, the Corporation Yard and the Solid Waste Center.*

## July 18, 2006, Council adopted Resolution 63392-N.S

### CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

Currently, the Marina Fund covers the cost for a Berkeley police officer to provide security at the Berkeley Marina on Wednesday from Noon to 10 p.m., and Thursday through Saturday, 4:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m (40 hrs/week). Due to limited police resources, the officer needs to be re-assigned to provide patrol coverage to other areas throughout the city, leaving the Marina without a dedicated police officer.

The Public Works Department recently executed an agreement with Securitas for security guard services at the Corporation Yard and the Solid Waste Management Center. A contract amendment will allow the Parks, Recreation and Waterfront Department to obtain private security guard services for the Marina seven days a week from 8:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m. (56 hrs/wk)

Replacing the officer with a private security guard will provide the necessary security to prevent, deter and detect vandalism, theft and safety-related incidents that occur in the Marina. ***The Berkeley Police Department will support security guard staff as needed, and respond to reports of criminal activity.***

### FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

Currently, the Berkeley Marina has budgeted one full-time equivalent Berkeley police officer at an annual cost of \$163,862.

The City has expended \$28,367 to date in FY 2007 for these services.

Securitas currently has a contract to provide security at the Public Works Department Corporation Yard and the Solid Waste Management Center for an amount not to exceed \$170,375. Securitas also currently provides security services at several other City buildings, including 2180 Milvia Street and 1947 Center Street.

This amendment adds \$72,000 (~\$8k/month), bringing the total contract to a not to exceed amount of \$242,375. for the period September 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007. By

utilizing Securitas for the Marina for the City will save approximately \$63,495 this year and \$67,862 in FY 2008. The cost savings are based upon the cost of a Police Officer for one full year, minus Securitas costs and the cost of the services to date (\$163,862-\$72,000-28,367=\$63,495).

When looking at an hour for hour comparison, Securitas costs CoB \$31.60/hr while a BPD officer costs \$78.78/hr. It would be possible to hire 2.5 security guards for the same cost as hiring 1 additional BPD officer @ \$163,862 per year

If the comparison is based on the \$200,000 per year figure that is currently being put forth as the cost of additional police officers, then it would be possible to hire 3 security guards for each BPD officer hired.

#### RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

The boating community and the Berkeley Waterfront Commission have had long-term concerns about criminal activity in the Marina, which mainly occurs in the parking areas during evening hours. Reduced security presence at the Marina could lead to increased criminal activity. Securitas can provide security guards (trained and uniformed) at the Marina in lieu of a full-time police officer.

#### QUESTION FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Would the neighborhood be safer if we had 120 hours per week of coverage by a security guard team backed up by BPD - The Berkeley Police Department will support security guard staff as needed, and respond to reports of criminal activity. - or by 40 hours per week of an additional BPD officer? The cost would be virtually the same.

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Items in ***bold and italics*** are items from Council minutes that I am emphasizing.

Items in *underline and italics* are my comments on the Council minutes.