

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA TOPIC

Resolution authorizing the execution of a five-year Axon Enterprise, Inc., (Axon), License Agreement for the purchase of Public Safety Technology for the City's Police Department in an amount not to exceed \$4,601,411.06 plus all applicable taxes.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**ACTION**

This Resolution authorizes the execution of the following for a five-year purchasing agreement with Axon and approves a purchase order with Sourcewell, in a not to exceed amount of \$4,601,411.06 including hardware, software, one-time implementation hardware installation, professional services costs (\$113,815.87) and annual maintenance costs (\$864,913.37) plus all applicable taxes. This purchase would provide the City's Police Department with the hardware and software procurement of public safety technology. These include body worn camera, taser, interview room and digital evidence system.

RECOMMENDATION

Move to adopt Resolution No. 10295

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

Body worn cameras (BWC) are a valuable tool for promoting transparency in law enforcement by recording citizen contact with police officers and enhancing accountability. On January 18, 2022, Council passed Resolution 10057, authorizing the Police Department to use body worn cameras, consistent with any collective bargaining agreements.

This contract is for the purchase of an Axon body worn camera package that includes the camera devices, hardware, software, professional services, updated Axon equipment, and operating system that would allow for the Police Department to operate a body worn camera program. Video footage produced by body worn cameras may be used as evidence in civil or criminal investigations, reviewed administratively for officer compliance with department policies and utilized as a reference in incident documentation.

The Axon contract will be purchased under a cooperative agreement, utilizing Sourcewell Contract #010720-AXN, thereby taking advantage of the Cooperative's lower negotiated pricing. In compliance with RCW 10.109.020, the Police Department has engaged and obtained community feedback. Feedback garnered from the OIR Group and community engagement opportunities was considered when developing the department's body worn camera operational policies. Policy development has also included engagement, negotiations and approved contracts of the impacted

labor unions within the Police Department. Finally, a body worn camera steering committee was created, made up of representatives from the affected city departments to identify impacts and resources needed. Axon was determined to be the vendor that could provide the needed equipment and systems to meet the Police Department's needs.

With these steps completed, staff is requesting an authorization to execute a five-year Axon Enterprise, Inc., (Axon), License Agreement for the purchase of Public Safety Technology for the City's Police Department in an amount not to exceed \$4,601,411.06 plus all applicable taxes. This agreement includes: Purchasing agreement with Axon and approves a purchase order with Sourcewell, in a not to exceed amount of \$4,601,411.06 including hardware, software, one-time implementation hardware installation, professional services costs (\$113,815.87) and annual maintenance costs (\$864,913.37) plus all applicable taxes. This purchase would provide the City's Police Department with the hardware and software procurement of public safety technology. These include body worn camera, taser, interview room and digital evidence system.

POLICY & FISCAL IMPACTS

Policy Impact

BCC 4.28 provides for the fair and equitable treatment of all persons involved in the purchasing process. Council approval is required to award the bid where the cost exceeds \$350,000.

This project furthers Council's 2020 Pledge to review and reform police use of forces policies. This would accomplish Recommendation #37 to consider outfitting officers with body-worn cameras.

Fiscal Impact

This expenditure is accommodated within the 2023-2024 Adopted Budget. Recurring annual service costs of approximately \$864,913.37 plus all applicable taxes will be incorporated in subsequent budget processes. The estimated total cost for 5 years of service will be approximately \$4,601,411.06, plus all applicable taxes.

OPTIONS

1. Adopt Resolution authorizing the execution of a five-year Axon Enterprise, Inc., (Axon), License Agreement for the purchase of Public Safety Technology for the City's Police Department in an amount not to exceed \$4,601,411.06 plus all applicable taxes.
2. Do not adopt the Resolution and provide alternative direction to staff.

ATTACHMENTS

Proposed Resolution No. 10295

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