



Office of the City Manager

ACTION CALENDAR

June 21, 2022

(Continued from June 14, 2022)

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager

Submitted by: Jennifer Louis, Interim Chief of Police

Subject: Contract: Axon Enterprise, Incorporated for Body Worn Cameras, Storage and Software

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Contract with Axon Enterprise, Incorporated to provide body worn cameras, equipment, software, and services for an amount not to exceed \$1,115,000.00 over the next five years through Fiscal Year 2027.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

This purchase will not exceed \$1,115,000.00 and includes the cost of body worn cameras, charging stations, accessories, software licenses, training and unlimited storage for five years. The purchase also includes replacement cameras and charging stations during the third and fifth year of the contract.

The funds are available in the Berkeley Police Department's baseline budget for FY 2023 as follows: \$223,000.00 in General Fund budget code 011-71-705-820-0000-000-421-666110 and for each fiscal year through FY 2027.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The Body Worn Camera program is the continuation of the original program started in FY 2018 to purchase body worn cameras for all police officers. To extend the program, the police department is requesting council approval for the City Manager to sign a contract for the ongoing purchase of body worn cameras, accessories, storage, software licenses and services from Axon Enterprise, Incorporated under a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement.

BACKGROUND

In 2017, the City Council directed the City Manager to develop a plan to implement the use of body worn cameras for the Berkeley Police Department. Additionally, terms of a 2017 court settlement entered into by the City of Berkeley stipulated that the City will pursue the purchase of body worn cameras for all police officers. Consistent with these

directions, the police department is requesting council approval for the City Manager to enter into a contract continue to purchase body worn cameras, accessories, storage, software licenses and services from Axon Enterprise, Incorporated under a cooperative purchasing agreement.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

There are savings related to the reduction of printing or duplication costs due to the use of digital evidence storage, review, and retention. Use of all electronic reports and digital files for all images and video, contributes to a reduction of paper, printing and duplication costs for the City.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

Body Worn Cameras have become industry standard equipment in policing. The community, the City, Berkeley Police Officers, and the Police Accountability Board all see value in equipping the Berkeley Police Department with this equipment which provides valuable evidence in police investigations, and promotes a higher level of accountability for all parties involved in community - police interactions. Case studies have further shown that body worn cameras drastically reduce citizen complaints and use-of-force incidents.

Axon Enterprise, Incorporated has been providing law enforcement agencies with body worn camera solutions since 2009 and provides a suite of products with comprehensive features that aid in the collection and management of video evidence. Axon cameras have a unique combination of features including superior low-light performance, full-shift battery life, a capture rate of 30 frames per second with no dropped frames, pre-event buffering, multi-camera playback, and the ability to automatically categorize video using the police department's computer aided dispatch system. Hardware will be replaced twice during the five-year contract ensuring that the police department has the most up to date technology.

Axon's software and evidence management system are comprehensive, secure, and intuitive to use. Further, the Alameda County District Attorney has already adopted Axon's system to accept and manage digital evidence from within the county.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

None.

CONTACT PERSON

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Attachments:

1: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

CONTRACT: AXON ENTERPRISE, INCORPORATED FOR BODY WORN CAMERAS
ALONG WITH RELATED HARDWARE, SOFTWARE, AND STORAGE

WHEREAS, The Berkeley Police Department is required to provide evidence in criminal investigations and continues to document police interactions with the community; and

WHEREAS, Charter section 67.2 allows the City to purchase goods without undergoing a competitive bid process if the City is using pricing obtained by another public entity through a competitive process; and

WHEREAS, Cooperative purchasing agreements are available for purchasing by state and local governments; and

WHEREAS, the Cooperative purchasing agreements with vendors, provide lower costs on commodities and equipment to participating public agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Berkeley Police Department and Finance-General Services determined available cooperative purchasing agreements meet the needs of the Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the cost of cameras, related hardware, software licenses, storage and support for 5 years will not exceed \$1,115,000.00 and funds are available in the Berkeley Police Department's baseline budget in FY 2023 as follows: \$223,000.00 in budget code 011-71-705-820-0000-000-421-666110 and for each fiscal year through FY 2027.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager is hereby authorized under Charter section 67.2 to execute a contract and any amendments to purchase body worn cameras along with the related hardware, software licenses, storage and support for five years from Axon Enterprise, Incorporated through a cooperative purchasing agreement in an amount not to exceed \$1,115,000.00 and for a 5-year term through fiscal year 2027.

