



CITY OF CLEARLAKE

City Council

STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: Purchase of Axon Fleet 3 for the Police Department

MEETING DATE:
May 19, 2022

SUBMITTED BY: Lieutenant Tim Hobbs

PURPOSE OF REPORT: ☐ Information only ☐ Discussion ☒ Action Item

WHAT IS BEING ASKED OF THE CITY COUNCIL/BOARD:

The City Council is being asked to authorize the police department to purchase mobile audio and video systems for police vehicles and to waive the competitive formal bidding process.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

The Police Department currently uses video and audio technology to maintain its commitment to transparency and accountability. One of the tools currently deployed is body-worn cameras (BWC). BWC's are issued to all sworn personnel. The Police Department previously had Mobile Audio and Video (MAV) systems in marked police vehicles however, that was over ten years ago.

MAV systems in addition to BWC's videos, offer an unbiased view of the interaction between sworn Department members and the community. Utilizing the MAV in conjunction with the BWC's is an important redundancy in order to present the most complete accounting of an incident. MAV's are especially important since the BWC's often have an obstructed view or are dislodged in a physical altercation.

The Police Department has identified Axon as the preferred vendor for the MAV system. Axon's Fleet 3 captures a forward-facing view of the marked police vehicle and a rear-facing view of the prisoner transport compartment

Axon Fleet 3 is compatible with the Department's current Axon BWC's. Axon Fleet 3 turns on Axon's MAV and BWCs simultaneously when any of the selectable activation triggers are sensed. Some of the activation triggers are the use of emergency lighting and or siren, collision detection, exceeding preset maximum speed, rapid acceleration, rapid deceleration, the opening of prisoner compartment doors, activation of the BWC, and manual activation. Upon activation, MAV captures thirty seconds of video prior to the activation and remains recording video and audio until manually turned off at the conclusion of the incident. Axon's current technology also embeds ALPR in the forward-facing MAV cameras and allows all patrol vehicles to be ALPR capable. The retention of video and ALPR data is configurable to the Police Department's specifications to adhere to local and state requirements.

Axon Fleet 3 uses Evidence.com which is the same digital evidence and storage management system the Department currently used for our BWC's. Evidence from the MAV will be automatically uploaded to Evidence.com by Axon Fleet 3. One feature of Evidence.com is that it allows for playback of different camera views in a multi-cam feature that plays videos recorded by MAV's and BWC's synchronized by location and time in one screen view.

The Department obtained a quote from Axon Enterprises Inc. for a 5-year purchase agreement for Axon Fleet 3 for seventeen (17) marked police vehicles. The agreement spreads the cost of the purchase across the term and includes the devices, warranty, installation, training, and unlimited digital evidence storage.

Staff recommends the City Council waive competitive bidding and approve the Chief of Police to enter into a 5-year agreement with Axon for the purchase of the Axon Fleet system for seventeen (17) vehicles. The agreement is based on a per vehicle count, so staff recommends the City Council further authorize the Chief of Police, with the approval of the City Manager, to add additional vehicles to the agreement during the term of the agreement.

OPTIONS:

1. Authorize the Chief of Police to enter into a 5-year contract with Axon Enterprises Inc. for the purchase of Axon Fleet 3 and adopt Resolution No. 2022-27 waiving the competitive formal bidding process.
2. Provide direction to staff.

FISCAL IMPACT:

☐ None ☒ \$208,637.60 Budgeted Item? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Budget Adjustment Needed? ☐ Yes ☒ No If yes, amount of appropriation increase: \$

Affected fund(s): ☒ General Fund ☒ Measure P Fund ☐ Measure V Fund ☐ Other:

Comments: The total cost of the 5-year agreement is \$208,637.60, with a per-year cost of \$41,727.44 per year.

STRATEGIC PLAN IMPACT:

- ☐ Goal #1: Make Clearlake a Visibly Cleaner City
- ☒ Goal #2: Make Clearlake a Statistically Safer City
- ☐ Goal #3: Improve the Quality of Life in Clearlake with Improved Public Facilities
- ☒ Goal #4: Improve the Image of Clearlake
- ☐ Goal #5: Ensure Fiscal Sustainability of City
- ☐ Goal #6: Update Policies and Procedures to Current Government Standards
- ☐ Goal #7: Support Economic Development

SUGGESTED MOTIONS:

1. Authorize the Chief of Police to enter into a 5-year contract with Axon Enterprises Inc. for the purchase of Axon Fleet 3 and adopt Resolution No. 2022-27 waiving the competitive formal bidding process.



Attachments:

- 1) Axon Fleet Quote
- 2) Resolution NO. 2022-27