



CITY OF CLEARLAKE

City Council

STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: Lease w/Axon Enterprises for Body Worn Cameras

MEETING DATE:
November 3, 2022

SUBMITTED BY: Andrew White, Police Chief

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 enter into a 5-year lease with Axon Enterprise for body worn cameras and a digital evidence management system.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

The Police Department contracts with Axon Enterprise Inc. for a body worn camera system and cloud based digital evidence management system known as evidence.com. Body worn cameras are assigned to patrol officers, code enforcement and the community service officer. Body worn camera footage along with other digital evidence, such as photos, video and audio files, are securely stored in the cloud in evidence.com. The current contract expires December 14, 2022.

The department has two other contracts with Axon Enterprises; one for in-car cameras, which will be installed in early 2023, and another for Taser devices. The in-car cameras and the Taser devices are tightly coupled with the body worn camera platform from Axon. The platform allows the devices to communicate with each other such that, for example, the body worn camera will turn on when the Taser device is activated or the body worn camera will turn on when the patrol care lights and siren turn on. All the systems upload into evidence.com and provide a single platform for reviewing the related digital evidence and device management. The Axon body worn camera platform has proven to be very reliable, efficient and easy to use.

The department negotiated with Axon Enterprises to obtain two proposals: a a-la-carte proposal, which staff is recommending, and an unlimited bundle. The recommended a-la-carte proposal offers unlimited data storage, real-time GPS tracking of the body-worn cameras by dispatch, resulting in improved officer safety, and a purpose built platform, called Performance, for tracking usage of all the Axon devices in context to policy, customer service and officer safety.

The unlimited bundle, which is the more expensive option, provides evidence.com professional licenses for all users. This license offers advanced features including citizen submission of digital evidence to officers. Although the feature set would expand the service to the community, the staff evaluation team felt the benefit was outweighed by the additional cost.

The recommended proposal is \$37,031.70 for the first year and \$33,837.86 for each subsequent year for a grant total of \$172,383.14. The current contract is approximately \$19,000 per year.

OPTIONS:

1. Authorize the Chief of Police to enter into a contract with Axon Enterprise for body worn cameras and a digital evidence system by adopting Resolution No. 2022-63.
2. Provide direction to staff.

FISCAL IMPACT:

☐ None ☒ \$172,383.14 across 5 years 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: CDBG Fund

Comments: An adjustment may need to be made to the Measure P fund at mid-year depending on other expenditures.

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. Adopt Resolution 2022-63: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEARLAKE AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO ENTER INTO A 5 YEAR LEASE WITH AXON ENTERPRISE FOR BODY WORN CAMERAS AND DIGITAL EVIDENCE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

- ☒ **Attachments:**
- 1) Resolution No. 2022-63
 - 2) Axon A-La-Carte Proposal (Recommended)
 - 3) Axon Ultimate Bundle Proposal (Not Recommended)

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-63

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEARLAKE
AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO ENTER INTO A 5 YEAR LEASE WITH AXON ENTERPRISE FOR
BODY WORN CAMERAS AND DIGITAL EVIDENCE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

WHEREAS, the police department's agreement with Axon Enterprise for body worn cameras and digital evidence management is expiring and the City and police department desire to continue the body worn camera program through Axon Enterprise; and

WHEREAS, the body worn cameras from Axon are tightly integrated with the Taser's leased by the department and the in-car cameras that are soon to be installed and the department's digital evidence is stored in Axon evidence.com, so transitioning to a new vendor is not recommended;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chief of Police is authorized to enter a 5 year lease agreement through Axon Enterprise for body worn cameras and digital evidence management system in the amount of \$172,383.14; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Clearlake hereby waives the competitive formal bidding process pursuant to Clearlake Municipal Code Section 3-4.5.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Clearlake, County of Lake, State of California, on this 3rd day of November 2022, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

Mayor