

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Tasers and Accessories for Police Department- Sourcewell Cooperative Contract
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the purchase of Tasers and accessories for the Police Department from Axon Enterprises (Scottsdale, AZ), in the amount of \$52,731.00. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Sourcewell Contract #092722-AXN.

The purchase includes tasers, batteries, and holsters to be utilized by Police Officers. This purchase will replace the remaining Taser X26 units with the Taser 7. The Taser 7 is considered superior to the Taser X26 due to its improved probe design, greater range versatility with "close quarters" and "standoff" cartridge options, enhanced accuracy with better laser sights, faster probe velocity, and more advanced technology like Adaptive Cross-Connect, allowing for better effectiveness even when probes land close together or on loose clothing; the X26 has a single cartridge type with less advanced features and lower kinetic energy probes compared to the Taser 7.

The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Request for Proposal (RFP) #092722, initiated by Sourcewell, whereby Axon Enterprises was one of the successful vendors contracted to provide Conducted Energy Weapons. The contract, which commenced February 3, 2023, is good through November 21, 2026. The contract available under Sourcewell has been awarded by virtue of a public competitive procurement process compliant with State and Federal statutes. Sourcewell is a State of Minnesota local government agency and service cooperative created under the laws of the State of Minnesota (Minnesota Statutes Section 123A.21) that offers cooperative procurement solutions to government entities. Participation is open to federal, state/province, and municipal governmental entities, higher education, K-12 education, nonprofit, tribal government, and other public entities located in the United States and Canada. The RFP process utilized by Sourcewell meets the requirements of the City's Procurement Ordinance; additionally, the City's Procurement Ordinance, Article 9-101, authorizes the use of cooperative purchasing.

Funds are available in the FY25 Budget: American Rescue Plan-Fiscal Recovery Funds – Federal ARP – Federal Public Health & Safety PS – Contractual Services – Public Safety - CPD Equipment (ARP); 0218 – 691 – 1100 – ARPS – 6319 – 40314 – 20230.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF TASERS AND ACCESSORIES FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FROM AXON ENTERPRISES (SCOTTSDALE, AZ), IN THE AMOUNT OF \$52,731.00. THE PURCHASE WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY COOPERATIVE PURCHASE VIA SOURCEWELL CONTRACT #092722-AXN.

WHEREAS, the purchase includes tasers, batteries, and holsters to be utilized by Police Officers. This purchase will replace the remaining Taser X26 units with the Taser 7. The Taser 7 is considered superior to the Taser X26 due to its improved probe design, greater range versatility with "close quarters" and "standoff" cartridge options, enhanced accuracy with better laser sights, faster probe velocity, and more advanced technology like Adaptive Cross-Connect, allowing for better effectiveness even when probes land close together or on loose clothing; the X26 has a single cartridge type with less advanced features and lower kinetic energy probes compared to the Taser 7; and,

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NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

That the City Manager and/or his designee is hereby authorized to purchase Tasers and accessories for the Police Department from Axon Enterprises (Scottsdale, AZ), in the amount of \$52,731.00. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Sourcewell Contract #092722-AXN. Funds are available in the FY25 Budget: American Rescue Plan-Fiscal Recovery Funds – Federal ARP – Federal Public Health & Safety PS – Contractual Services – Public Safety - CPD Equipment (ARP); 0218 – 691 – 1100 – ARPS – 6319 – 40314 – 20230.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the ____ day of _____, 2024 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting _____

Councilor Chambers voting _____
Councilor Cogle voting _____
Councilor Crabb voting _____
Councilor Davis voting _____
Councilor Garrett voting _____
Councilor Hickey voting _____
Councilor Huff voting _____
Councilor Thomas voting _____
Councilor Tucker voting _____

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor