

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Taser 7 Custom Basic Five-Year Agreement for the Columbus Police Department
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the Taser 7 Custom Basic 5-Year agreement with Axon Enterprises (Scottsdale, AZ), in the total amount of \$572,395.99 to be paid as follows: Year 1: \$111,428.03, Year 2: \$115,241.99, Year 3: \$115,241.99, Year 4: \$115,241.99, and Year 5: \$115,241.99. The agreement will cover the period from April 2022 – April 2026. Funding will be budgeted in the appropriate subsequent fiscal years for the annual payments.

The five-year quote allows the Police Department to receive the complete allotment of 220 Tasers at one time, versus purchasing 40 or so at a time. Consequently, the cost of the taser is stable for the five-year period without any price increase. If the Department purchased a group of Tasers per year, there would be a significant price increase every year. The contract also allows the Police Department to receive training vouchers and all training and duty cartridges.

The replacement tasers are needed because the Department’s current Tasers are no longer under warranty and soon there will be no market to purchase cartridges for training or duty as the current Taser Model is being phased out.

Axon Enterprises is the manufacturer of the Tasers, consequently, the vendor is considered the only known source for the agreement per the Procurement Ordinance, Section 3-114.

Funding for the Year 1 payment is available in the FY22 Budget: LOST/Public Safety – Police – Public Safety/LOST – Capital Expenditures/Under \$5,000; 0102 – 400 – 9900 – LOST - 7763. Funding for the remaining annual payments will be budgeted in the appropriate subsequent fiscal years.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TASER 7 CUSTOM BASIC 5-YEAR AGREEMENT WITH AXON ENTERPRISES (SCOTTSDALE, AZ), IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$572,395.99 TO BE PAID AS FOLLOWS: YEAR 1: \$111,428.03, YEAR 2: \$115,241.99, YEAR 3: \$115,241.99, YEAR 4: \$115,241.99, AND YEAR 5: \$115,241.99. THE AGREEMENT WILL COVER THE PERIOD FROM APRIL 2022 – APRIL 2026. FUNDING WILL BE BUDGETED IN THE APPROPRIATE SUBSEQUENT FISCAL YEARS FOR THE ANNUAL PAYMENTS.

WHEREAS, the five-year quote allows the Police Department to receive the complete allotment of 220 Tasers at one time, versus purchasing 40 or so at a time. Consequently, the cost of the taser is stable for the five-year period without any price increase. If the Department purchased a group of Tasers per year, there would be a significant price increase every year. The contract also allows the Police Department to receive training vouchers and all training and duty cartridges; and,

WHEREAS, the replacement tasers are needed because the Department’s current Tasers are no longer under warranty and soon there will be no market to purchase cartridges for training or duty as the current Taser Model is being phased out; and,

WHEREAS, Axon Enterprises is the manufacturer of the Tasers, consequently, the vendor is considered the only known source for agreement per the City’s Procurement Ordinance.

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

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute the Taser 7 Custom Basic 5-Year agreement with Axon Enterprises (Scottsdale, AZ), in the total amount of \$572,395.99 to be paid as follows: Year 1: \$111,428.03, Year 2: \$115,241.99, Year 3: \$115,241.99, Year 4: \$115,241.99, and Year 5: \$115,241.99. The agreement will cover the period from April 2022 – April 2026. Funding for the Year 1 payment is available in the FY22 Budget: LOST/Public Safety – Police – Public Safety/LOST – Capital Expenditures/Under \$5,000; 0102 – 400 – 9901 – LOST - 7763. Funding for the remaining annual payments will be budgeted in the appropriate subsequent fiscal years.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the _____ day of _____, 2022 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting _____
Councilor Barnes voting _____

Councilor Crabb voting _____.
Councilor Davis voting _____.
Councilor Garrett voting _____.
Councilor House voting _____.
Councilor Huff voting _____.
Councilor Thomas voting _____.
Councilor Tucker voting _____.
Councilor Woodson voting _____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor