

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Axon Virtual Training System for the Columbus Police Department – Georgia State Contract/NASPO Cooperative Purchase
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the purchase of the Axon Virtual Training System from Axon Enterprises (Scottsdale, AZ), in the amount of \$152,654.10, for the Columbus Police Department. This purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-SPD-NVPPAOK000-0003/NASPO Contract # OK-MA-145-015.

The Axon Virtual Training System offers training for police officers on how to handle several different types of encounters with the public and suspects, to include violent crime intervention. This virtual training will enable better officer decision-making with dynamic experiences that encourage de-escalation and promote mutually beneficial outcomes for officers and community members. This product also has a mental health component allowing training not only to officers but also to citizens. It is an opportunity for the Police Department to offer training to citizens on how to deal with individuals with mental health issues. The cost covers a five-year program.

Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-SPD-NVPPAOK000-0003 is a cooperative contract between Axon and the State of Georgia, which is a participating addendum for NASPO ValuePoint Master Agreement #OK-MA-145-015 for Public Safety Video Systems. The contract available under NASPO has been awarded by virtue of a public competitive procurement process compliant with State and Federal statutes. The term of the contract is good through May 30, 2024. The contract is available for use by any Georgia governmental entity. The City's Procurement Ordinance, Article 9-101, authorizes the use of cooperative purchasing.

Funds are budgeted in the FY24 Budget as: American Rescue Plan Fiscal Recovery Fund – Federal ARP – Public Health & Safety – Health & Wellness – Mental Health Intervention Training/Services; 0218-691-1000-ARPH-6319-40305-20230.

Funding for the payment of the annual maintenance will be budgeted in the appropriate fiscal years.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF THE AXON VIRTUAL TRAINING SYSTEM FROM AXON ENTERPRISES (SCOTTSDALE, AZ), IN THE AMOUNT OF \$152,654.10, FOR THE COLUMBUS POLICE DEPARTMENT. THIS PURCHASE WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY COOPERATIVE PURCHASE VIA GEORGIA STATEWIDE CONTRACT #99999-SPD-NVPPAOK000-0003/NASPO CONTRACT # OK-MA-145-015.

WHEREAS, the Axon Virtual Training System offers training for police officers on how to handle several different types of encounters with the public and suspects, to include violent crime intervention. This virtual training will enable better officer decision-making with dynamic experiences that encourage de-escalation and promote mutually-beneficial outcomes for officers and community members. This product also has a mental health component allowing training not only to officers but also to citizens. It is an opportunity for the Police Department to offer training to citizens on how to deal with individuals with mental health issues. The cost covers a five-year program; and,

WHEREAS, Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-SPD-NVPPAOK000-0003 is a cooperative contract between Axon and the State of Georgia, which is a participating addendum for NASPO ValuePoint Master Agreement #OK-MA-145-015 for Public Safety Video Systems. The term of the contract is good through May 30, 2024. The contract is available for use by any Georgia governmental entity. The City’s Procurement Ordinance, Article 9-101, authorizes the use of cooperative purchasing.

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

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to purchase of the Axon Virtual Training System from Axon Enterprises (Scottsdale, AZ), in the amount of \$152,654.10, for the Columbus Police Department. This purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-SPD-NVPPAOK000-0003/NASPO Contract # OK-MA-145-015. Funds are budgeted in the FY24 Budget as: American Rescue Plan Fiscal Recovery Fund – Federal ARP – Public Health & Safety – Health & Wellness – Mental Health Intervention Training/Services; 0218-691-1000-ARPH-6319-40305-20230.

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Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the _____ day of _____, 2023 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting _____.
Councilor Barnes voting _____.
Councilor Begly voting _____.
Councilor Cogle voting _____.
Councilor Crabb voting _____.
Councilor Davis voting _____.
Councilor Garrett voting _____.
Councilor Huff voting _____.
Councilor Thomas voting _____.
Councilor Tucker voting _____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor