

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Taser Training Cartridges for Police Department</b>
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	Finance Department

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It is requested that Council approve the purchase of Taser training cartridges from Axon Enterprise, Inc., (Scottsdale, AZ) for the amount of \$29,960.90.

The Police Department is requesting to purchase Tasers training cartridges (853 Non-Conductive and 144 Standard) for training purposes. The Non-Conductive training cartridges fire like a live cartridge, but do not have the ability to cause neuro-muscular incapacitation. Police Officers can improve their aim by using these training cartridges during target practice rather than using live cartridges.

Standard cartridges are used in a controlled training environment with a Trainer, who does the actual firing of cartridges during live TASER exposure training. This training allows officers to see the effects of a TASER hit, and they will see that officers can take hold of an individual that is being "tased" without being shocked themselves. This "cuffing under power" is an important aspect of a TASER deployment, in that it reduces the likelihood of injury to officers and suspects, and reduces the possible need for additional TASER activations.

Axon Enterprise, Inc., is the manufacturer of the Taser cartridges. Therefore, this purchase is considered an only know source procurement, per the Procurement Ordinance, Section 3-114.

Funds are available in the FY20 Budget: General Fund – Police – CPD Training – Operating Materials; 0101 – 400 – 2900 – CTRN – 6728.

**A RESOLUTION**

**NO.** \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF TASER TRAINING CARTRIDGES FROM AXON ENTERPRISE, INC., (SCOTTSDALE, AZ) FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$29,960.90.**

**WHEREAS**, the Police Department is requesting to purchase Tasers training cartridges (853 Non-Conductive and 144 Standard) for training purposes. The Non-Conductive training cartridges fire like a live cartridge, but do not have the ability to cause neuro-muscular incapacitation. Police Officers can improve their aim by using these training cartridges during target practice rather than using live cartridges; and,

**WHEREAS**, standard cartridges are used in a controlled training environment with a Trainer, who does the actual firing of cartridges during live TASER exposure training. This training allows officers to see the effects of a TASER hit, and they will see that officers can take hold of an individual that is being "tased" without being shocked themselves. This "cuffing under power" is an important aspect of a TASER deployment, in that it reduces the likelihood of injury to officers and suspects, and reduces the possible need for additional TASER activations; and,

**WHEREAS**, Axon Enterprise, Inc., is the manufacturer of the Taser cartridges. Therefore, this purchase is considered an only know source procurement, per the Procurement Ordinance, Section 3-114.

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

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to purchase Taser training cartridges from Axon Enterprise, Inc., (Scottsdale, AZ) for the amount of \$29,960.90. Funds are available in the FY20 Budget: General Fund – Police – CPD Training – Operating Materials; 0101 – 400 – 2900 – CTRN – 6728.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020 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 Thompson voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Woodson voting \_\_\_\_\_.

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor