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**FORESTPARK**

# City Council Agenda Item

**Subject:** Council Discussion and Approval to purchase Body Worn Cameras and In-Car Cameras - Police Department/Procurement

**Submitted By:** Brandon Criss (Police Chief)

**Date Submitted:** April 15, 2025

**Work Session Date:** April 21, 2025

**Council Meeting Date:** April 21, 2025

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## **Background and History:**

The Forest Park Police Department currently utilizes Versaterm for its body-worn and in-car camera systems. However, the department has encountered ongoing operational challenges with the Versaterm body-worn camera platform. Additionally, the system lacks several critical features that are considered standard in today’s law enforcement technology landscape.

Due to these concerns, the department is requesting to transition to Axon body-worn and in-car camera systems. Axon is widely recognized for its reliability, advanced features, and seamless integration capabilities. The Axon platform offers automatic camera activation, real-time access to video footage, and secure cloud-based storage providing a more effective, dependable, and legally compliant solution to meet the department’s operational needs.

The Forest Park Police Department requests approval to piggyback from the Sourcewell cooperative contract #101223-AXN with Axon. The 60-month period total cost is \$969,071.05 – Body Cameras: \$388,931.05 and in-car camera system: \$580,140.00, which will be expensed in annual installments. The initial payment starting in June 2025 totals \$9,690.69 to be funded from Department of Treasury account: 214-31-3210-53-1105. The 2025/2026 annual total cost is \$87,216.40

<b>Cost: \$</b>	<b>Budgeted for:</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
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**Financial Impact: \$969,071.05 over a 60-month period body-worn and in-car camera systems**

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**Action Requested from Council: Vote for Approval**

