



## REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

**AGENDA DATE:** November 24, 2025

**AGENDA ITEM:** Consider approving 10-year Axon Contract

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### BACKGROUND:

In 2021, the City of Grand Rapids entered a 5-year contract with Axon for 15 body worn cameras (BWC's), 15 Tasers, 14 in squad cameras, and Axon's digital evidence management system (evidence.com) for the Grand Rapids Police Department.

The benefit of all GRPD officers having BWC's, the same model of tasers, in-squad cameras, and several additional software programs that have improved our management of digital evidence and accountability, we have approached council several times to approve additional purchases. Currently we have 22 BWC's, 22 Tasers', 16 in squad cameras. This allows every officer, and the community assistance officer to have a BWC and Taser, and all GRPD patrol squads to have an in-squad camera.

Since 2021 all GRPD's digital evidence, including BWC/in-squad camera footage, photographs, and audio recordings is stored on Axon's evidence.com. The Itasca County Sheriff's Office, MN State Patrol, all other police agencies in Itasca County, the Itasca County Attorney's Office, and the Grand Rapids City Attorney utilize Axon for digital evidence. This makes sharing digital evidence with other agencies and prosecuting attorneys a uniform and efficient process.

The original contract with Axon expires in 2026. Axon approached GRPD with options to combine the 10 contracts we currently have with Axon into a single contract and offered a 10-year contract with locked in pricing. This contract provides GRPD with new BWC's, Taser's, and in-squad cameras at the start of the contract and provides new BWC's every 2.5 years, new Tasers in-squad camera refreshes at year 5 and year 10.

This contract it will lock the City into a consistent price to be able to have predictable budgeting for the Axon line item for the next 10 years, at the price of \$78,872.33 for 2026, which is included in the 2026 preliminary budget, and \$106,276.82 per year for the remaining 9 years.

**REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION:**

Make a motion accepting 10-year contract with Axon for body worn cameras, tasers, squad cameras, and associated licenses.