



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

AGENDA DATE: December 4, 2023

AGENDA ITEM: Consider approving the purchase of one (1) Axon Squad Camera, six (6) Axon Tasers five (5) Axon Body Cameras with associated licenses.

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BACKGROUND:

Following extensive research, Grand Rapids City Council approved the police purchase and implementation of fifteen (15) Axon Body Worn Cameras (BWC) and fifteen (15) replacement Axon Tasers during an October 11, 2021 Council Work Session.

The primary intentions of BWCs are to enhance evidence collection, promote police transparency and assist in complaint resolution. The Grand Rapids Police Department's use of this standard police equipment has had an astounding influence on each of the above noted intentions. Our overall police service has improved with such technology.

With not fully understanding the stretching benefits of these tools, and in efforts to keep costs to a minimum, we originally ordered the above technology. This failed to equip all police staff with the technology that has been proven necessary. The original order also failed to purchase equipment for open full-time positions that had been budgeted but remained vacant.

Purchasing one (1) Axon Squad Camera, six (6) Axon Tasers and five (5) additional Axon Body Cameras with associated licenses will allow all staff to be equipped with this essential technology that has become standard police equipment today.

Attached you will find an Axon Quote

This is a nonbudgeted purchase that will be satisfied by Minnesota Public Safety Aid Funds. Utilizing this funding source will allow there to be zero cost by the City.

REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION:

Make a motion accepting the purchase of one (1) Axon Squad Camera, six (6) Axon Tasers five (5) Axon Body Cameras with associated licenses.