



## REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

**AGENDA DATE:** April 22, 2024

**AGENDA ITEM:** Consider approving the purchase of one (1) Axon Squad Camera.

**PREPARED BY:** Captain Jeremy Nelson

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### **BACKGROUND:**

Starting in 2021, The Grand Rapids Police Department approached and received approval from the Grand Rapids City Council to purchase and implement AXON Body Worn Cameras (BWC's), Tasers, and Squad Camera's. The first BWC's were implemented in early 2022 and the Squad Cameras were installed in the spring of 2023. These items are all on a multi-year rotation/payment plan through Axon which allows us to get new replacement BWC's, Squad Camera's, and Taser's every 5 years.

In December of 2023, police staff again approached the council to outfit the rest of GRPD licensed staff and the Community Service Officer with BWC's, Tasers, and to add an additional squad camera. All our patrol officer squad cars are equipped with Squad Cameras. These additions are able to be placed on the same rotation schedule as the initial purchase.

The primary intentions of BWCs and Squad Cameras 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.

At the March 25, 2023, Council Meeting, it was approved to accept a Grant from the Office of Traffic Safety to be used towards the purchase of and equipping of a traffic safety vehicle. Part of the equipment needed for the vehicle is a Squad Camera, and it is included in the funding from the grant and matching portion.

The attached quote/agreement from Axon has been received for adding an additional squad camera to our existing rotation, for a total cost, over three years, of \$10,985.49.

**REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION:**

Make a motion accepting the purchase of one (1) Axon Squad Camera and authorize the Mayor to sign the attached agreement.