



STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: December 14, 2022

PRESENTER: John Golden, Chief of Police

SUBJECT: Agreement with AXON Enterprises, Inc. for TASER 7 Conducted Energy Devices, Maintenance, and Training (JG)

RECOMMENDATION: Council by motion adopt resolution approving the 2022-2027 Master Services and Purchasing Agreement with AXON Enterprise, Inc. for Taser 7 Conducted Energy Devices in the amount of \$106,848.65.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: The City of Kerman (City) has been in an agreement with AXON Enterprises, Incorporated (AXON) since 2018 for the purchase and maintenance of TASER X26P Conducted Electronic Weapon (CEW) system for the Kerman Police Department. This agreement includes warranty of the TASER equipment, training and certification of authorized Police Department staff in the proper use and maintenance of the CEW devices and cartridges for training and deployment. The current agreement purchase is part of a 5-year service contract that expires on January 2023, which is the 5-year use of life recommended by AXON for individual devices. The proposed agreement results in savings to the City and superior equipment consisting of the purchase of 30 new TASER 7 Conducted Energy Devices, Maintenance, and Training totaling \$106,848.65.

DISCUSSION

The potential risks and officer safety concerns associated with the use of TASER CEWs that are more than 5 years old are attached in the addendum TASER 7 Proposal. However, any individual element or a combination of elements such as field use, exposure to the elements, age, plus normal wear and tear could have a direct effect on the reliability of TASER CEWs. These issues create a risk of sudden electrical failure, which would compromise officer safety. The X26P CEW's that are currently being used by officers in the field are nearing the end of their aforementioned 5-year recommended life cycle. Further, AXON will discontinue the X26P model, but have not yet set a date which would limit the availability of supplies and or repairs.

Conversely the recommended TASER 7 is vastly superior to the X26P. The design of the TASER 7 was specifically developed to address issues law enforcement had with the X26P and similar TASER CEWs. Improvements with accuracy, close quarter deployments, probe design, and multiple shot capabilities make the TASER 7 the most reliable and effective CEW on the market.

(30) TASER 7s in 2023 will cost \$117,000.00 on a 60-month contract. This proposal gives the same deal for \$99,018.15 after refunds and buyback credits if approved in December 2022. There is pressing and legitimate need to update the TASER CEWs currently issued to our enforcement personnel.

A detailed summary of the equipment prepared by Sgt. Belding is attached as Attachment 'B'.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The current contract for 25 TASER XP26 CEWs is \$10,662.53 per year. The proposed agreement provides 30 TASER 7 CEWs that will cover the 26 authorized PD enforcement officers as well as Level 1 Reserve officers. The total cost would be \$106,887.70 consisting of five equal yearly payments of \$21,377.53.

The yearly payment reflects AXON buying back our current 25 Taser X26 at \$200 each, as well as prorating the remainder of our current contract of \$2,962.50 + tax for a total prorate of \$3,228.40.

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. Resolution w/Exhibit
- B. Detailed Summary of the Equipment prepared by Sgt. Belding