



AGENDA ACTION FORM

Consideration of a Resolution to Enter into an Agreement with Axon Enterprise Inc. to Purchase In-Car and Body-Worn Cameras for the Kingsport Police Department

To: Board of Mayor and Aldermen
From: Chris McCartt, City Manager *CM*

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Staff Work By: Commander Chris Tincher
Presentation By: Chief Jason Bellamy

Strategic Focus Area: 4. Safe & Welcoming Community

Recommendation:

Approve the Resolution

Executive Summary:

If approved, the City will enter into a 5-year agreement with Axon Enterprise, Inc., to provide in-car and body-worn cameras to the Kingsport Police Department at an annual cost of \$357,842.77.

The Kingsport Police Department currently uses a technologically outdated in-car camera system that is nearing the end of its useful life. Additionally, some officers assigned to patrol duties operate without access to in-car video systems. The department also does not currently have body-worn cameras, which have become a standard tool in modern law enforcement. These technologies enhance evidence collection, improve transparency and accountability, reduce citizen complaints and use-of-force incidents, and provide valuable opportunities for training and performance evaluation.

To address these deficiencies, the department recommends procuring a comprehensive in-car and body-worn camera system from Axon Enterprise Inc., a recognized leader in public safety technology. The proposed five-year agreement will cost \$357,842.77 annually and includes camera equipment, software, and cloud-based storage for digital evidence. Procurement will begin immediately after contract signing, and Axon is expected to ship hardware within 30 days. Installation and training will encompass approximately 30 days, with the full implementation expected by December 2026 (This timeline is dependent upon Axon's fulfillment processes).

Account #110-3030-443.20-90 will provide funding for the software and cloud storage, and Account # 110-3030-443-90-06 will provide funding for equipment costs. The purchase can be accomplished under contract Sourcewell #101223-AXN.

Attachments:

1. Resolution
2. Quote from Axon Enterprise Inc.
3. Purchasing Agreement

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