

CITY OF RICHLAND CENTER

AGENDA ITEM DATA SHEET

Agenda Item: Consider Reallocation of Funds from Police Outlay in 2023 Budget to Purchase Police Tasers

Meeting Date: 08/01/2023

Requested by: Chief Billy Jones with prior review by the City Administrator

Background: The Richland Center Police Department began utilizing tasers in 2008. Over the last fifteen years, the Police Department has maintained four X26 models which have been replaced approximately three times. Each replacement has been of the same model. The X26 tasers have been purchased from Axon, the only vendor for tasers available to law enforcement.

While the X26 model has been effective for the Police Department over the last 15 years, its technology has become outdated and is soon to be unsupported. After reviewing available taser models and changes in technology, it is recommended that the Police Department procure four T10s. The T10 model provides greater reliability and connection to the subject with a range of 45 feet rather than the current 25-foot range. This model has an improved wire storage design eliminating unnecessary wire from being expelled when the probes are deployed. Additionally, the T10 provides for 10 cartridges to be loaded at a given time allowing for multiple successive deployments to achieve neuromuscular incapacitation. The current X26 model only allows for one simultaneous deployment of two probes. This one deployment design requires an officer to reload before reengaging a subject. The reloading process is not lengthy but every second matters in situations in which a taser would be utilized. This design affects the composition of the taser making for a long and undesirable handle. Finally, the T10 comes with rechargeable batteries and unlimited cartridge replacements with a bundle package.

The four X26 tasers currently in use are all functioning but will require replacement with a newer and supported model. To proactively address the need for taser replacement, the purchase of four T10 tasers from Axon is being requested. The T10 package includes software, probs, holsters, and warranties under a 60-month plan. The plan requires annual payments but the City may elect to prepay some or pay in full.

Date	Subtotal	Tax	Total
Jan 2024	\$5,878.07	\$0.00	\$5,878.07
Jan 2025	\$6,113.21	\$0.00	\$6,113.21
Jan 2026	\$6,357.74	\$0.00	\$6,357.74
Jan 2027	\$6,612.05	\$0.00	\$6,612.05
Jan 2028	\$6,876.53	\$0.00	\$6,876.53
Total	\$31,837.60	\$0.00	\$31,837.60

Financial Impact: 60-month contract with annual payments between \$5,878.07 to \$6,876.53 for a total cost of \$31,837.60.

Funding Source: Police Outlay

- 2023 Police Outlay: \$50,000
- 2023 CRO Allocation (30% of total cost): \$15,736
- Remaining available balance: \$34,264

Requested Action: Motion to authorize the purchase of T10 taser bundles from Axon Enterprise at a cost not to exceed \$31,837.60 as quoted with funds from the Police Outlay.

Attachment(s): Quote from Axon Enterprise, Inc.