



City of Tualatin

CITY OF TUALATIN Staff Report

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
THROUGH: Sherilyn Lombos, City Manager
FROM: Bill Steele, Police Chief
DATE: October 11, 2021

SUBJECT:

Consideration of Resolution 5570-21 Awarding a Contract for Purchase of Body Worn Cameras, Tasers, Digital Evidence Storage, Maintenance, and Support

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Council approve the resolution awarding, and authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Axon Enterprise, Inc. for the purchase, maintenance, and support of Body Worn Cameras, Tasers, and Digital Evidence Storage in the amount of \$398,559.99.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Tualatin Police Department is seeking to outfit all sworn personnel with body worn cameras and updating staff to the most technically advanced Taser platform. This will modernize and expand the video and audio recordings of select police interactions with the community during calls for service, providing a safer environment for officers and all subjects present. Staying up-to-date with our less-lethal options, will increase safety and effectiveness of each force response encounter.

The implementation of these devices will greatly enhance Tualatin's ability to capture evidence during selected public contacts, to include emergency high-risk encounters and to increase our transparency with the community. Implementation will reduce the City's overall risk exposure and potential liability. The upgraded technology will also allow supervisors to review officer interactions with the public, in order to identify areas of increased training.

This Body Worn Camera / Taser upgrade project will be accomplished by entering into a five-year contract. The Tualatin Police Department will purchase the equipment, by making "lifecycle" replacement program vendor payments each year of the contract. As a result of the program, we will receive updated, supportable, replacement technology at regular intervals. This will keep us on the forefront of the latest available technology, rather than investing heavily in equipment that would lose its effectiveness and become obsolete. Outside of the equipment benefits, the project will provide a cloud-based service for digital evidence management and storage that will work seamlessly with the records management system we use.

The streamlined, cloud-based storage system will create a seamless environment from evidence capture through official evidence storage by case number. This process will increase dependability by mitigating the risk of transferring data between separate systems. In fact, the Washington County DA's Office will have "display view" access to Axon's Evidence.com platform,

in order to directly view digital data related to cases they are prosecuting. Likewise, this platform will allow for a broader, more accessible (redacted, as appropriate) digital data for all stakeholders, to include investigators, defense attorneys, civil attorneys, risk managers, media outlets, the public.

The digital evidence will require Police Department Staff to manage related evidentiary requests and required redaction. This workload will be incorporated into the duties of the Property & Evidence Technician.

The project calls for purchasing 40 body worn cameras, 40 taser 7's, as well as licenses and cloud storage for all digital evidence obtained from all cameras and tasers. The annual maintenance costs will cover repairs as needed and will ensure product replacement and upgrades at regular intervals.

A group, made up of members from the Police Department and the Information Technology Department have performed an evaluation over the past year of operational and system technical requirements and found that Axon Body Worn Cameras/Taser products are the best fit and the right choice.

The group explored multiple options for soliciting these products and services and found that the League of Oregon Cities previously conducted a cooperative procurement for these products and services. The League of Oregon Cities selected Axon Enterprise, Inc., and negotiated a Master Price Agreement. As a member of the League of Oregon Cities, the City of Tualatin can utilize the Master Price Agreement with Axon Enterprise Inc. to obtain best pricing through a cooperative procurement contract; saving both time and money.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Fiscal Impact Cost: \$398,559.99

This is a five-year contract with the following costs per year:

Year 1 - \$79,711.99

Year 2 - \$79,712.00

Year 3 - \$79,712.00

Year 4 - \$79,712.00

Year 5 - \$79,712.00

The costs for Year 1 have been budgeted in the Fiscal Year 2021-22 budget; costs for subsequent years will be budgeted in the appropriate year.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Resolution 5570-21
- Axon Enterprise, Inc. Quote