

TO: City Council
FROM: Jay Mason, Chief of Police
DATE: December 16, 2025
SUBJECT: Purchasing Contract with Axon Enterprises for Body Worn and Vehicle Cameras

1) Recommended Action:

Authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement with the Axon Enterprises for body worn and vehicle cameras.

The agreement was recommended for approval on the consent calendar at the December 9, 2025 Public Health and Safety meeting.

2) Background:

The use of body-worn cameras (BWC) is becoming more prevalent among law enforcement agencies in Washington State and specifically within Thurston County. The Tumwater Police Department has had in-car cameras for 25+ years and has continuously assessed the value of adding BWCs for the last ten years. In the Police Strategic Growth Plan, the Department intended to add body cameras in early 2027. However, as part of the budget process, the Department was funded in the 2025-2026 biennium for this project. During 2025, the Department hired staff to procure and manage a camera system to include new in-car cameras and BWCs. Staffing to manage the anticipated increase in public disclosure is occurring at this time. In 2025, the Department also evaluated BWC/in-car camera systems to determine which would best meet the needs of both officers and administrative staff.

The police department has been evaluating body worn and vehicle camera systems for the last several months. After evaluating three systems, a team of commissioned and non-commissioned staff determined that the Axon system best meets the needs of the police department. The State of Washington has a Master Contract with Axon that allows the City to piggy-back on the contract. The attached documents are the contract documents from the State and the binding quote for the set of equipment the City will purchase from Axon. The contract will run for five years, with equipment replacement occurring at month 30 to ensure the equipment remains current. Equipment replacement is included in the five year contract cost.

3) Policy Support:

2026-2032 Strategic Priority: *“Provide and Sustain Quality Public Safety Services”*

4) Alternatives:

Reject the contract and direct the police department to select a new vendor.

5) Fiscal Notes:

The annual cost of the contract is \$156,548.80.

6) Attachments:

- A. State of Washington Master Agreement with Axon Enterprises.
- B. Contract 05720 Participating Addendum Axon Enterprises
- C. Contract 05720 Axon Amendment 1
- D. Contract Pricing
- E. Tumwater PD - Axon Quote