

# Agenda Statement

**Meeting Date:** April 21, 2026  
**To:** City Council  
**Through:** Jackie C. Wilde, City Manager  
**From:** Andre Achee, Director Public Safety  
**Agenda Item:** Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute a Contract with AXON for Tasers, Body Cameras, and In-Car Video Equipment for a Ten Year Term



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## **BACKGROUND, JUSTIFICATION, & INTENT:**

The Whittier Police Department continues to evaluate equipment and technology that improve officer safety, accountability, and evidence management. Body-worn cameras, conducted energy weapons (Tasers), and in-car video systems are widely recognized as standard tools in modern law enforcement and are increasingly expected by prosecutorial agencies and the public.

The Administration is requesting authorization for the City Manager to negotiate and execute a contract with Axon Enterprises, Inc. under the NASPO ValuePoint cooperative purchasing program, in accordance with Whittier Municipal Code §§ 3.32.150 and 3.32.210. This cooperative purchasing approach allows the City to utilize a competitively solicited government contract rather than conducting its own formal procurement process.

The proposed agreement is for a ten-year term in an amount not to exceed \$293,127.17, billed annually. The contract provides a bundled, subscription-based solution that includes body-worn cameras, Tasers, in-car video systems, a cloud-based digital evidence management platform, software licensing, maintenance, support, replacement equipment, and ongoing technology updates.

This system will improve evidence collection, streamline case preparation, and allow for secure, controlled sharing of digital evidence with partner agencies such as the District Attorney's Office. These capabilities are expected to enhance coordination, reduce administrative workload, and improve overall efficiency in law enforcement operations.

The subscription model avoids large upfront capital costs and ensures that equipment remains current over the life of the agreement. Administration estimates this approach will result in long-term cost savings compared to traditional procurement and replacement cycles.

### **CONSISTENCY CHECKLIST:**

	Yes	No	N/A
1. Legislative Priorities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Comprehensive Plan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Whittier Code: <i>3.32.150 and 3.32.210</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**FISCAL NOTE:** The total contract amount is not to exceed \$293,127.17 over ten (10) years and will be billed annually. Costs will be incorporated into the Police Department's operating budget

through the annual budget process. This subscription-based model reduces the need for large capital expenditures and includes equipment replacement, maintenance, and software services over the term of the agreement.

**ATTORNEY REVIEW:**  Yes  No  Not Applicable

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**RECOMMENDATION:** It is the recommendation of the City Administration to authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute a contract with Axon Enterprises, Inc. under the NASPO ValuePoint cooperative purchasing program for law enforcement equipment and services.