

Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 35OSP UPGRADE2

SUBJECT

(ALL) Authorize a Sole Source Agreement with Axon Enterprise Incorporated to Upgrade an Additional 400 Units of the Conducted Electrical Weapon Utilized by the Fort Worth Police Department From Taser X2 to Taser 7 as Part of the Officer Safety Program (OSP) Bundle and Purchase Additional Units for Recruit Classes, Using Crime Control and Prevention District Funds for a Five Year Term for an Amount Up to \$181,000.00 for the First Year and Up to \$288,000.00 per Year for the Succeeding Four Years for a Total Amount of \$1,333,000.00

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize a sole source agreement with Axon Enterprise Incorporated to upgrade an additional 400 units of the conducted electrical weapon utilized by the Fort Worth Police Department from Taser X2 to Taser 7 as part of the Officer Safety Program (OSP) Bundle and purchase additional units for recruit classes, using Crime Control and Prevention District Funds for a five year term for an amount up to \$181,000.00 for the first year and up to \$288,000.00 per year for the succeeding four years for a Total Amount of \$1,333,000.00.

DISCUSSION:

On September 25, 2018, (M&C P-12254) the City Council authorized a sole source agreement with Axon Enterprise Incorporated to upgrade the conducted electrical weapon utilized by the Fort Worth Police Department as part of Axon's Officer Safety Program (OSP). As a result of that agreement, the Police Department purchased 1193 Taser 7 units.

However, because it lacks additional Taser 7 units, the Police Department still utilizes Taser X2 conducted electrical weapons to equip officers and new recruits in the field with a less-than-lethal force option. A new Sole Source Agreement would allow the City to purchase and upgrade an additional 400 Taser 7 units to replace Taser X2 units and to provide new Tasers for recruit Class 150 and 151. Taser 7 units are smaller, more efficient, more dependable, have rechargeable batteries, and include a different probe design to maximize performance and improve officer safety. In addition, Axon Enterprise has offered first-year discounts totaling approximately \$107,000.00 as part of the upgrade process.

Axon Enterprise, Inc. is the documented sole source for Taser conducted energy devices and accessories.

AGREEMENT TERM - Upon City Council's approval, the Agreement will begin December 15, 2020 and end December 14, 2025. Total payment made under this Agreement for the first year by City shall be in an amount not to exceed one hundred eighty one thousand Dollars (\$181,000.00). For the succeeding four years, total payment made under this Agreement for any one year shall be in an amount not to exceed two hundred eighty eight thousand Dollars (\$288,000.00).

A Form 1295 is not required because: This contract will be with a publicly-traded business entity or a wholly-owned subsidiary of a publicly-traded business entity: Axon Enterprise Incorporated

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that funds are available in the current operating budget, as appropriated, of the Crime Control and Prevention District Fund, and that prior to an expenditure being made, the Police Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds. Funds for future year contract renewals are subject to Mayor and Council appropriation.

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