



Memorandum

Date: 4/18/2023
Meeting of: City Council

File No. AM No. 23-050
Type: Consent Item

TO: Members of the City Council
FROM: Mayor Angela Birney
DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR CONTACT(S):

Police	Chief Darrell Lowe	425-556-2521
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DEPARTMENT STAFF:

Police	Brian Coats	Captain
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TITLE:

Approval of Contract Modification with Axon Enterprise, Inc., through 2027

OVERVIEW STATEMENT:

The police department is seeking Council's approval to modify the existing body-worn and in-car camera contract with Axon Enterprise, Inc. (Axon)

In 2021, Council approved funding of the department's body-worn and in-car camera program through 2025. Due to both technical and equipment challenges specific to the in-car camera equipment, the department has been working with Axon and have come up with this solution to resolve the technical and equipment issues. This resolution requires a contract modification and extension until 2027

If approved, Axon has agreed to cancel the initial contract and begin a new 5-year contract from 2023 to 2027 at no additional cost for upgrade to the newest, tested and verified in-car camera platform. Two additional police vehicles will be outfitted with cameras at a nominal cost.

☐ **Additional Background Information/Description of Proposal Attached**

REQUESTED ACTION:

☐ **Receive Information** ☒ **Provide Direction** ☐ **Approve**

REQUEST RATIONALE:

- **Relevant Plans/Policies:**
N/A
- **Required:**
N/A
- **Council Request:**
Approve contract extension

- **Other Key Facts:**
N/A

OUTCOMES:

The department originally purchased Axon's Fleet 2 platform: the most current model available at the time. Problems with the Fleet 2 in-car cameras emerged immediately after installation. Officers lost connection routinely and cameras shut down. Compounding the problem, Axon's Fleet 2 hardware and software did not operate consistently resulting in operability issues and the inability to automatically upload video footage to the digital evidence locker.

Axon's Fleet 3 platform has become available since the department entered a contract with Axon. This platform has been tested and verified to be more reliable.

If approved, installation of the upgraded Fleet platform will be scheduled mid to late Summer, 2023. The City will benefit from having an operating system that is functional and reliable and at no additional cost.

COMMUNITY/STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND INVOLVEMENT:

- **Timeline (previous or planned):**
N/A
- **Outreach Methods and Results:**
N/A
- **Feedback Summary:**
N/A

BUDGET IMPACT:

Total Cost:
No impact

Approved in current biennial budget: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Budget Offer Number:
228 Criminal Justice

Budget Priority:
Safe and Resilient

Other budget impacts or additional costs: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

If yes, explain:

The new contract will include the addition of two police vehicles at a cost of approximately \$2,000.

Funding source(s):

General Fund

Budget/Funding Constraints:
N/A

☐ **Additional budget details attached**

COUNCIL REVIEW:

Previous Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
4/18/2023	Committee of the Whole - Public Safety and Human Services	Provide Direction

Proposed Upcoming Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
N/A	None proposed at this time	N/A

Time Constraints:
N/A

ANTICIPATED RESULT IF NOT APPROVED:

If not approved, the department will be left to continue using an unreliable product that has not met the operational needs expected.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: Axon Enterprise, Inc. Estimated In-Car Camera costs