

# Agenda Report

November 22, 2021

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Police Department

**SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO EXTEND CONTRACT NO. 30630 WITH AXON ENTERPRISE, INC FOR FIVE YEARS AND APPROVE CONTRACT INCREASE OF \$1,709,591 FOR THE POLICE BODY WORN CAMERA SYSTEM**

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Find that the proposed action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3); the General Rule that CEQA only applies to projects that may have an effect on the environment; and
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute an amendment to Contract 30630 with Axon Enterprise Inc. (formerly known as TASER International Inc.) to retroactively extend the contract from September 14, 2021 to December 1, 2026, at a cost not-to-exceed \$1,709,591 as further described in this Agenda Report; and
3. If is further recommended that the City Council grant the proposed contract extension an exemption from the Competitive Selection process pursuant to Pasadena Municipal Code section 4.08.049(B) contracts for with the City's best interest are served.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The Police Department (PPD) initiated a body worn camera program in 2016 under Capital Improvement Project 71158. A joint team of PPD and the Department of Information Technology (DoIT) staff members formed to research and evaluate numerous camera systems. DoIT prepared and posted the Request for Proposals (RFP) through Planet Bids, and Axon Enterprise, Inc. was the successful proposer. On June 13, 2016, staff recommended, and Council authorized, a five year contract with

Axon Enterprises, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$1,532,258 for the procurement of a body worn camera system.

Currently, the PPD deploys 295 of the 313 body worn camera fleet. They are assigned to both sworn and professional staff department members who routinely come into contact with the public while working in the field. The PPD's current inventory consist of the older generation Axon body 2 cameras and corresponding docking charging stations.

Since 2016, the PPD has uploaded over one million evidentiary items (videos, voice recordings, documents) to Axon Enterprise's secure, cloud based digital evidence management system platform called Evidence.com. Criminal case video and voice recording evidence have been submitted electronically to the City Prosecutor/District Attorney's Office for prosecuting cases. In addition, PPD responds to approximately 1600 requests a year for body worn camera footage for court and for public records requests.

In the proposed contract extension, Axon will continue to provide unlimited data storage, new equipment, complete warranty on all hardware and integration with the Department's Computer Aided Dispatch to automatically tag calls for service with the corresponding video. Axon has greatly improved its technology related to video review to include multi-camera playback and audio transcription that will reduce staff resources to locate video and perform transcription for court and public records request.

Axon also supplies PPD with its Taser brand of less-lethal conducted electrical weapons (CEW). The CEWs are connected to the body worn cameras which are activated when the CEW is powered on for possible deployment. The newer version of the body worn cameras has the capability to automatically activate when a firearm is removed from its holster, which will ensure the body worn camera is activated during a critical incident.

Staff recommends that Council amend contract 30630 with Axon Enterprises, Inc. to extend the contract to December 1, 2026, at a cost not-to-exceed \$1,709,591, which includes a 10% contingency for any change orders. The proposed contract extension amounts to an average yearly cost of \$310,835 over five years, plus 10% contingency of \$155,417 to cover any necessary change orders.

The contract extension will include upgrades to the latest Axon cameras and docking stations; an additional upgrade to the latest cameras in two-and-a-half-years; a complete 5-year warranty for service and replacement; and 10GB of additional storage on Evidence.com per camera for digital media that is not produced by an Axon device. The additional storage will allow for storage and upload of video provided by members of the community during investigations.

In the near future, the Police Department will likely explore the possibility of replacing its current in-car camera system to one powered by Axon. This would make the collection of video evidence completely seamless, and Axon's in-car camera system offers the

same automatic recording capability as its body worn cameras when a TASER is activated or a firearm is drawn from a holster. Again, this is in an effort to greatly reduce human error associated with camera activation in critical incidents.

**COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:**

The proposed action is consistent with the City Council's goals and objectives to ensure public safety.

**ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:**

The contract is exempt from CEQA per section 15061 (b) (3), the General Rule. The General Rule can be applied when it can be seen with certainty that the activity will not have a significant effect on the environment. The proposed action will not result in any new development or physical changes.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The cost of this action will not exceed \$1,709,591, comprised of annual maintenance of \$310,835 over five years, plus 10% contingency of \$155,417 to cover change orders. Funding for this action will be addressed by the utilization of existing funds in the Pasadena Police Department's General Fund account 10133001-811400. There will be no indirect and support costs associated with this contract.

Respectfully submitted,



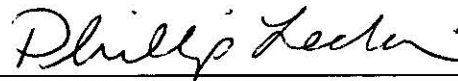
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