

Agenda Report

October 23, 2023

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Police Department

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH SPEAKEASY JIU JITSU LLC; DBA STRAIGHT BLAST GYM SOCAL NOT-TO-EXCEED \$200,000

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Find the proposed action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), the "Common Sense" exemption that CEQA only applies to projects that may have the potential for causing a significant an effect on the environment; and
2. a) Accept the proposal dated August 15, 2023, submitted by Speakeasy Jiu Jitsu LLC; DBA Straight Blast Gym SoCal in response to the specifications for Defensive Tactics Training for Police - Instruction and Training Facility b) authorize the issuance of a contract with Speakeasy Jiu Jitsu LLC; DBA Straight Blast Gym SoCal in an amount not to exceed \$120,000 for a period of three years, and c) authorize the City Manager to extend the agreement for up to two additional one-year periods in the annual amount of \$40,000 for a total over five years of \$200,000 without further City Council approval consistent with the terms of the specifications.

BACKGROUND:

The Pasadena Police Department began implementing Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu tactics into its Defensive Tactics Curriculum in response to an increase in use of force related injuries. The result was an immediate reduction of categorical uses of force, which has continued to decline year by year as shown in the following chart.

Categorical Uses of Force by Year	
Year	Number of Uses of Force
2020	26
2021	23
2022	21
2023	15 (year to date)

The following benefits have been observed by officers who train in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu:

- Provides more opportunity for de-escalation and an increased likelihood of gaining voluntary compliance without using categorical force.
- More confidence in the officer when using force, which has resulted in lower levels of force used.
- Injury reduction to officers and suspects. Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu encourages positional dominance and control over strikes.
- Improved decision making under stress. Officers who consistently train for force encounters have reduced levels of stress when having to apply force; resulting in the ability to make better decisions.
- Increased physical fitness of officers, which makes them more effective during critical incidents.

The Pasadena Police Department is seeking a qualified Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Instructor and training facility to be used for defensive tactics training. The instructional material requested consisted of, but was not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. De-escalation
- b. Dealing with resistive / aggressive / assaultive persons
- c. Real world and fictitious scenarios presented by members of the Defensive Tactics Team
- d. Control Holds / Escorts
- e. Takedowns
- f. Ground Control
- g. Striking
- h. Vehicle Extraction
- i. Handcuffing
- j. Decision Making
- k. Proper Mindset

On July 18, 2023, the Pasadena Police Department opened a Request for Proposal / Competitive Selection Process for Defensive Tactics Training Instruction and a Training Facility was published on the eProcurement system, which resulted in three prospective proposers.

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The request for proposal specified a general estimate for the cost of the following:

- Drop-in rate for individual classes
- Group Training Rate
- Facility Rental

The pricing provided by the proposers are approximate only and for the sole purpose of comparing proposals. The City may, in accordance with needs of the department, require more training as necessary at the City's sole discretion, and payment will be made for the services provided.

Three vendors submitted complete proposals, and three vendors did not submit a proposal. Below are the listed vendors who completed proposals and their resulting scores:

Bidder	Location	Score
Speakeasy Jiu Jitsu LLC; DBA Straight Blast Gym SoCal	Pasadena, CA	93.91
LEAD Tactics, Inc.	Los Angeles, CA	74.64
Gracie Global LLC (DBA Gracie University)	Torrance, CA	53.67

Independent evaluators and administrative scoring examined the following criteria from the responsive proposers:

Criteria	Maximum Possible Points
Facility Size / Quality of Gym	25
Instructional Material	20
Location of Facility	5
Quality of Instructors	20
Cost Proposal	20
Local Pasadena Business	5
Small or Micro-Business	5

It is recommended Speakeasy Jiu Jitsu LLC; DBA Straight Blast Gym SoCal be awarded a purchase order contract based on receiving the highest evaluation score. The Department is requesting a final total of up to \$40,000 per year cost for each of the three-year contract and for each of the one-year optional extended years. The total amount of \$200,000.

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

The proposed action is consistent with the City Council's Strategic Plan Goals to ensure public safety and maintain fiscal responsibility.

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ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

The proposed grant agreement has been determined to be exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 (b)(3), the "Common Sense" exemption that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. Such is the case with the proposed contract with Speakeasy Jiu Jitsu LLC; DBA Straight Blast Gym SoCal.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total cost of this action is an amount not-to-exceed \$200,000 for a three-year term and two optional one-year extensions. Funding for this action will be addressed by the utilization of existing and future budgeted appropriations in the Police Department's FY 2024 Operating Budget in the General Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

 FOR CHIEF HARRIS

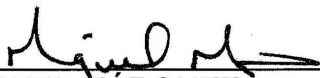
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