



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting of June 14, 2022

DATE: June 14, 2022
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Purchase of Body-Worn Cameras for the Corpus Christi Police Department

CAPTION:

Motion authorizing the purchase of 280 body-worn cameras from Turn-Key Mobile, Inc., of Jefferson City, Missouri, through the Texas Department of Information Resources cooperative, for \$120,300.00 to be used by the Police Department, with FY 2022 funding of \$75,000.00 from the Police Grants Fund and \$45,300.00 from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund.

SUMMARY:

This Motion authorizes the purchase of 280 body-worn cameras and accessories for the Corpus Christi Police Department (CCPD).

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

In April 2018, CCPD conducted research on body-worn cameras from several companies, including Axon, Watchguard, Coban, and Panasonic, to determine which was the best product to purchase. After extensive research and product demonstrations, CCPD selected Panasonic's body-worn cameras. In April 2019, CCPD entered into a five-year service agreement with Turn-Key Mobile for the purchase of 180 body-worn cameras and other accessories, bringing CCPD's total body-worn camera count to 224. However, the body-worn cameras are now entering the end of their useful lives.

As a result, in December 2021, City Council gave approval for CCPD to submit a grant application to the State of Texas, Criminal Justice Division for funding available under the Body-Worn Camera Grant Program FY 2022. Subsequently, in April 2022, CCPD accepted the award from the State for the funding for the Body-Worn Camera Grant Program FY 2022 that would have purchased approximately 60 body-worn cameras and accessories. However, as part of this purchase, CCPD negotiated with the vendor for the return of the previously purchased body-worn cameras in 2019 in return for a partial credit toward the purchase of new cameras. Combined with the partial credit, CCPD is including additional funding in

the amount \$45,300.00 from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund, allowing for the purchase of a total of 280 body-worn cameras.

The purchase of 280 body-worn cameras will replace all body-worn cameras in CCPD's inventory as well as provide additional cameras for the additional sworn officers that CCPD has hired. The purchase will include a five-year warranty on the 280 body-worn cameras.

The body-worn camera replacement process will take place over the next few months, as the current body-worn cameras are phased-out as each unit comes to the end of its useful life. At no point in time during the transition will any officer not have a body-worn camera unit.

PROCUREMENT DETAIL:

The body-worn cameras will be purchased through the Texas Department of Information Resources Cooperative. Contracts awarded through Department of Information Resources have been competitively procured and are in compliance with Texas local and state procurement requirements

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative is not to purchase the equipment and have a non-functioning body-worn camera inventory as each of the body-worn cameras get to the end of their useful lives.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The purchase of the body-worn cameras will utilize funding from a State awarded grant of \$75,000 which requires a \$25,000 match provided by the Law Enforcement Trust Fund. The balance of funding of \$20,300 also is provided by the Law Enforcement Trust Fund.

FUNDING DETAIL:

Fund 1061
Organization/Activity: 872022S
Mission Element: 151
Project # (CIP Only): N/A
Account: 520090 - Minor Tools and Equipment
Amount: \$75,000.00

Fund 1074
Organization/Activity: 826100F
Mission Element: 151
Project # (CIP Only): N/A
Account: 520090 - Minor Tools and Equipment
Amount: \$45,300.00

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the motion, as presented.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Price Sheet