



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting September 19, 2023

DATE: September 19, 2023
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Purchase of Eight Additional Panasonic Vehicle Video Recording Systems for the Corpus Christi Police Department

CAPTION:

Motion authorizing the purchase of eight additional Panasonic vehicle video recording systems for the Corpus Christi Police Department from Turn-Key Mobile, Inc. of Jefferson City, Missouri, for \$66,744.00, with FY 2023 funds from the Police Grants Fund in the amount of \$66,307.00 and the General Fund in the amount of \$437.00.

SUMMARY:

This item is a motion to approve the purchase of eight additional Panasonic vehicle video recording systems for Corpus Christi Police Department (CCPD) patrol vehicles.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

Each of CCPD's patrol units are outfitted with Panasonic recording systems. Panasonic's vehicle video camera system records traffic stops and other activities that CCPD patrol officers encounter during their day-to-day duties. All video recordings are automatically uploaded to Panasonic's Unified Digital Evidence Management System. This system enables the video recording to be retrieved and viewed while preserving the chain of custody for evidence tracking. This is important not only for crime solving, but also for evidence in court trials.

Eventually, the eight additional Panasonic vehicle video recording systems will be installed into eight additional 2023 Chevy Tahoes. CCPD is currently awaiting the delivery of the eight additional 2023 Chevy Tahoes. The estimated delivery date of the eight additional 2023 Chevy Tahoes is April 2024. Once received, CCPD will work with the City's Fleet Services Division and CCPD's current vendor for upfitting services, C&S Plating, to install the equipment. Once the eight additional 2023 Chevy Tahoes are upfitted, CCPD will have a total of 136 marked patrol units. All 136 marked patrol vehicles will have Panasonic vehicle video recording systems installed after the additional eight are completed.

The purchase of the eight additional Panasonic vehicle video recording systems also includes accompanying equipment and software. Additionally, each of the cameras and associated equipment will have a five-year warranty.

PROCUREMENT DETAIL:

This procurement is through the Texas Department of Information Resources Cooperative (DIR). Contracts awarded through the cooperative have been competitively procured in compliance with Texas Local and State procurement requirements.

The Panasonic eight additional vehicle video recording systems will be purchased through the DIR contract from Turn-Key Mobile, Inc.

Finance & Procurement conducted a cost comparison with other distributors for the same Panasonic vehicle video recording systems and found the DIR contract to have the best rates. The City saves 23% using the DIR contract with 11% as a direct DIR discount, and Turn-Key Mobile, Inc. providing an additional 13% discount to the purchase that equates a total of \$15,812.00 off the MSRP. The table below provides a cost comparison between Turn-Key Mobile, Inc. and the closest competitive pricing.

Vendor	Camera	MSRP	List Price	Discount
Turn-Key Mobile, Inc.	Panasonic VPU4000	\$3,960.00	\$3,064.00	23%
CDW	Panasonic VPU4000	\$3,960.00	\$3,879.99	2%

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative is not to approve the purchase of the eight Panasonic vehicle video recording systems; however, this will mean that the eight additional CCPD patrol vehicles will not have video recording systems installed unless another purchase is approved at a later date.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funds to purchase the eight additional Panasonic vehicle video recording systems will come from FY 2023 funding from the Police Grants Fund in the amount of \$66,307.00 and the General Fund in the amount of \$437.00.

Funding Detail:

Fund: 1061 – Police Grants Fund
Organization/Activity: 820834F
Department: 29
Project # (CIP Only): N/A
Account: 520090 – Minor Tools and Equipment
Amount: \$66,307.00

Fund: 1020 – General Fund
Organization/Activity: 11740 – Uniform Division
Department: 29
Project # (CIP Only): N/A
Account: 520090 – Minor Tools and Equipment
Amount: \$437.00

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the purchase of eight additional Panasonic vehicle video recording systems, as presented.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Ordinance
Quote