



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting February 20, 2024

DATE: February 20, 2024
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Purchase of Body-Worn Cameras and Related Equipment for the Corpus Christi Police Department

CAPTION:

Motion authorizing the purchase of 100 additional body-worn cameras and related equipment from Turn-Key Mobile, of Jefferson City, Missouri, through the Texas Department of Information Resources, for the Corpus Christi Police Department in an amount of \$193,356.00, with funding from the Police Grants Fund and the Law Enforcement Trust Fund.

SUMMARY:

This motion authorizes the purchase of 100 additional body-worn cameras and related equipment for the Corpus Christi Police Department. The City received \$153,027.00 from the FY 2024 Body-Worn Camera Grant Program that will be used toward this purchase.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

In 2019, the Corpus Christi Police Department (CCPD) invested in the Panasonic body-worn camera to go along with the in-car camera system used by CCPD. In June 2022, the City Council approved the purchase of 280 body-worn cameras by CCPD. The purchase of the 280 body-worn replaced all of the body-worn cameras in CCPD's inventory at that time. It also allowed provided additional cameras for the additional sworn officers that CCPD had hired since its previous purchase of body-worn cameras in 2019.

In 2023, CCPD applied for the FY 2024 Body-Worn Camera Grant Program for funding for the purchase of 100 additional Body Worn Cameras. The City was subsequently awarded \$153,027.00 from the grant in November 2023. This item is to approve CCPD's purchase of 100 additional body-worn cameras and related equipment with the funds awarded from the FY 2024 Body-Worn Camera Grant Program. With this purchase, it will bring CCPD's total inventory of body-worn cameras to 380.

CCPD needs additional body-worn cameras for the sworn officer positions that were added in the approved FY 2023 Budget. The sworn officers that will be assigned the body-worn cameras are those who engage in field work. This means sworn officers that are assigned to traffic or highway patrol or otherwise regularly detain or stop motor vehicles, or primary responders who respond directly to calls

for assistance from the public. The funding received from this grant will be used to purchase the following items listed below. The purchase will include a three-year manufacturer’s warranty with an additional two years for the replacement of the body-worn cameras if damaged or defective.

1. Body-worn cameras and licenses (100)
2. Device licenses (100)
3. Magnetic mounts for cameras on officers (100)
4. Five-year warranty (100)
5. Eight bay charging dock (13)
6. AC adapter to charge cameras (13)

CCPD’s long-term goal is to issue every sworn officer their own body-worn camera, not just the sworn officers that engage in field work. This project will also ensure that CCPD continues to update the cameras with the latest technology available from Panasonic through proactive purchasing and the replacement of body-worn cameras.

The City’s Information Technology Department actively works with CCPD’s Operations Division to maintain a working cache of body-worn cameras and will continue to do so with the new supply.

In January 2024, the City applied for the FY 2025 Body-Worn Camera Grant Program. If awarded, the funding will go toward the purchase of an additional 100 body-worn cameras and related equipment, which will then bring the total number of body-worn cameras in CCPD’s inventory to 480. CCPD’s goal is to have all 500 budgeted officers issued a body camera.

PROCUREMENT DETAIL:

The body-worn cameras will be purchased from Turn-Key Mobile, Inc. through the Texas Department of Information Resources Cooperative (DIR). Contracts awarded through the Department of Information Resources have been competitively procured and are in compliance with Texas local and state procurement requirements.

Procurement conducted a competitive pricing analysis with other companies that provide the same equipment through the DIR. CDW is the other vendor in the DIR that offers the same body-worn cameras and related equipment as Turn-Key Mobile, Inc. The table below compares pricing between Turn-Key Mobile, Inc. and CDW for the body-worn cameras and related equipment.

Item / Unit of Measure	CDW	Turn-Key Mobile	Variance in \$	Variance in %
Panasonic i-Pro BWC4000 (camera) / Each	\$1,180.00	\$830.00	\$350.00	-30%
Panasonic I-PRO ICV UDE ON-PREM (license) / Each	\$750.00	\$597.00	\$153.00	-20%
Panasonic BWC4000 5YR ADC+ADV REPL (warranty) / Each	\$250.00	\$209.00	\$41.00	-16%
IPS-BWC-MAGKIT i-Pro BODY WORN CAMERA SQUARE MAGNET (storage mount) / Each	\$120.00	\$88.00	\$32.00	-20%
BWC4000 8-BAY DOCKING AND CHARGING STATION / Each	\$2,000.00	\$1,504.00	\$496.00	-20%
AC ADAPTER (100W) FOR BWC 8-BAY DOCK CHARGER / Each	\$150.00	\$108.00	\$42.00	-20%

The total amount saved for purchasing an additional 100 body-worn cameras and related equipment through Turn-Key Mobile, Inc. instead of CDW is \$64,594.00.

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative is not to purchase the body-worn cameras and related equipment; however, if the body-worn cameras and related equipment are not purchased, then the funding would be returned to the State and CCPD would not have enough body-worn cameras in its inventory to issue to its sworn officers engaged in field work.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact for FY 2024 will be to the Police Grants Fund which provides \$153,027.00 and the Law Enforcement Trust Fund for \$40,329.00 for the purchase.

FUNDING DETAIL:

Fund:	1061	
Account:	520090	
Organization/Activity:	822912S	Police Grants Fund
Amount:	\$153,027.00	

Fund:	1074	
Account:	520090	
Organization/Activity:	826000S	Law Enforcement Trust Fund
Amount:	\$40,329.00	

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of this motion authorizing the purchase of 100 body-worn cameras and related equipment for the Corpus Christi Police Department, as presented.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Quote from Turn-Key Mobile, Inc.