



## **AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

Action Item for the City Council Meeting March 24, 2020

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### **Purchase of non-lethal Impact Guns and Accessories for the Police Department**

#### **CAPTION:**

Resolution authorizing the purchase of non-lethal impact guns and accessories from GT Distributors of Austin, Texas, for a total amount of \$116,729.60 for the Police Department with funding available through the FY 2020 Law Enforcement Trust Fund.

#### **SUMMARY:**

This Resolution authorizes a purchase of 40mm impact guns and accessories for the Police Department to be used to neutralize an aggressive individual lowering the chance of causing death or serious bodily injury.

#### **BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:**

In an effort to provide officers with a less lethal tool to use on individuals that may be armed with a sharp weapon or a blunt object weapon, the Police Department is requesting the purchase of 90 40mm impact guns and accessories. The 40 mm impact gun shoots a sponge round designed to neutralize an aggressive individual lowering the chance of causing death or serious bodily injury. The weapon is currently only being used by the SWAT Team. This purchase will ensure that every police officer on patrol has immediate access to a less lethal weapon when confronted by a person armed with a sharp weapon or a blunt object weapon. The purchase includes ammunition, accessories (chargers and batteries) and storage cases.

This is a sole source purchase. GT Distributors is the sole distributor of the Defense Technology 40mm impact guns.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

The alternative is not to purchase the equipment. However, this purchase provides officers another less lethal weapon when confronted by a person armed with sharp weapons or blunt object weapons.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The fiscal impact in FY 2020 for the Police Department will be \$116,729.60 for the one-time purchase of this equipment from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund.

**FUNDING DETAIL:**

Fund:	1074	LawEnforceTrust
Organization/Activity:	826000S	Law Enforcement Trust-State
Mission Element:	151	RespondToLawEnforcementCalls
Project # (CIP Only):	N/A	
Account:	520090	Minor Tools and Equipment

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of the Resolution authorizing the purchase with GT Distributors, Inc for the purchase of 40mm impact guns for the Police Department as presented.

**LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

Price Sheet  
Resolution