



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting of January 18, 2024

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Purchase of Weapons for Corpus Christi Police Department's Special Weapons and Tactics team

CAPTION:

Resolution authorizing the purchase of 33 replacement Staccato 9mm handguns from Staccato 2011, of Florence, Texas, in the amount of \$61,850.25, for use by the Corpus Christi Police Department's Special Weapons and Tactics team, with FY 2024 funding from the Crime Control and Prevention District Fund.

SUMMARY:

The item is to approve the purchase of 33 replacement Staccato 9mm handguns for the Corpus Christi Police Department's (CCPD) Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

Each fiscal year, the Crime Control and Prevention District's Budget provides fundings for the purchase of replacement and additional weapons, to include handguns and rifles. For FY 2024, the funding will be used for the 33 replacement Staccato 9MM handguns. The current Smith & Wesson 9mm handguns were issued to CCPD's SWAT team members over five years ago. The team members have monthly firearms training and use an estimated 200 rounds per weapon each month. The current handguns used by SWAT will be returned for issuance to field officers which will help offset the cost of purchasing the 33 replacement Staccato handguns for SWAT.

The Staccato handgun has a lifetime warranty, while the SWAT teams' current handguns do not. Additionally, Staccato will immediately provide a loaner handgun in the event of a malfunction, or if a handgun is placed into evidence. SWAT's current handguns do not have the option for loaner handguns.

The Staccato handgun has been proven and tested by several other SWAT teams to include those of the San Antonio Police Department and the Los Angeles Police Department. The documented findings are that the Staccato handgun is a technological advancement in firearms that will ensure the SWAT

teams remain equipped with the most modern innovations in weapons technology. The Staccato handgun is proven in reliability, endurance, and accuracy, regardless of environment, round count, and real world ergonomic and usage issues.

As part of this purchase, Staccato will provide CCPD's SWAT team with Department Armorer Training and also annual Department Armorer certifications. The purpose of the training and certification is so that CCPD's assigned armorers will be certified and trained to provide service maintenance and repairs to the Staccato 9MM handguns. Staccato also will provide free annual inspections on the Staccato 9MM handguns to ensure that they are operating at maximum capacity and efficiency as well as to help CCPD's armorers identify any potential issues before they occur. Lastly, Staccato will provide CCPD with a free eight-hour transition course to introduce and familiarize the SWAT team with the Staccato 9MM handguns. The transition course will include an overview of the specifics of the Staccato 9MM including design and features, safety measures, and care and maintenance. All of these practices are common with the purchase of specialized handguns and rifles, especially as they relate to SWAT teams and other similar entities.

PROCUREMENT DETAIL:

This purchase is under Chapter 252 exemptions, which is a procurement necessary to preserve or protect the public health or safety of a municipality's residents, and a procurement of items that are available from only one source, including captive replacement parts or components for equipment. Texas Local Government Code 252 regulates the purchasing and contracting authority of municipalities.

Staccato 2011, LLC. is the sole source manufacturer of all Staccato 2011 handguns. Their handguns feature a unique combination of specifications, such as the removable polymer grip and trigger guard module and FlaTec technology, which is exclusive to Staccato 2011. These features apply to all models of Staccato 2011 handguns.

Staccato 2011, LLC., of Florence, Texas, has offered CCPD a 25% price reduction from their standard MSRP, which equates to savings for the City in the amount of \$20,616.75.

The purchase of the specified equipment is critical to safety operations and standardization of said equipment is critical to a fluid operation and reduces the need for additional training.

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative is not to approve the purchase; however, this will require SWAT will continue to use the handguns that they are currently assigned. The current handguns need to be replaced every three years to ensure maximum readiness in a critical incident. Due to the large volume of rounds that have been fired through the current handguns from training exercises, the current handguns have exceeded their recommended useful service lives.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact for CCPD in FY 2024 is \$61,850.25 from the Crime Control and Prevention District.

FUNDING DETAIL:

Fund: 9010 Crime Control and Prevention District
Organization/Activity: 11717
Project# (CIP Only): N/A
Account: 520090
Amount: \$61,850.25

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the purchase of 33 9mm handguns for CCPD SWAT team, as presented.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Price Sheet
Resolution