



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting December 10, 2024

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Purchase of Tasers for the Corpus Christi International Airport

CAPTION:

Resolution authorizing a five-year agreement with Axon Enterprise, Inc., of Scottsdale, Arizona, for an amount up to \$63,696.80 for the purchase of 14 tasers, supplies, software licenses, and training for the Corpus Christi International Airport, with FY 2025 funding of \$12,739.36 from the Airport Fund.

SUMMARY:

The item is to approve the purchase of 14 tasers, the necessary equipment for the tasers, and a five-year supply agreement for the Corpus Christi International Airport (CCIA)- Department of Public Safety (DPS) to upgrade its existing taser and necessary equipment inventory with payments over a five-year period.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

In 2017, CCIA-DPS purchased 14 tasers and auxiliary equipment. CCIA-DPS's current tasers and necessary equipment inventory are obsolete and out of warranty. In addition to the current tasers and necessary equipment inventory being out of date and out of warranty, batteries and replacement cartridges for CCIA-DPS's current taser inventory is no longer supported.

The proposed agreement will allow for the purchase of 14 tasers and necessary equipment to include holsters, cartridges (training and live), charging docks, licenses to software for CCIA to upload data so that the vendor can track inventory usage, training course vouchers, and training suits for trainers to be tased during training courses.

The proposed agreement also provides for extended warranties on the taser handles, battery packs, and taser charging stations through the end of term for the proposed agreement. The agreement includes one additional taser unit so that in the event of a malfunction, a replacement is on-hand and not burdened by a shipping delay. Additionally, cartridges that are used in the line of duty (live) will be replaced at no cost through the agreement.

The 14 new tasers to be purchased are the model TASER 7. The TASER 7 model provides significant improvements from the current TASER X26P model that CCIA-DPS uses. The upgrades include:

- Ability to choose between close quarters and long-range deployment
- Improved probe design for layered clothing penetration
- Improved Warning Arc and better flashlight
- Cartridges provide two shot capability without reloading
- Available stand-off cartridge for further distances

The initial purchase of the 14 tasers and necessary equipment, to include licenses and software, will take place in year one of the proposed agreement. In years two through five of the proposed agreement, additional taser cartridges will be ordered. The cost for the first year of the proposed agreement is \$12,739.36, and years two through five are \$12,739.36 each.

Tasers are a valuable tool in an airport environment where large crowds of people congregate. Other intermediate type weapons such as O.C Pepper Spray have limitations that the taser does not. Using a kinetic energy device such as a taser reduces the potential for violence and is less likely to result in the escalation of the use of force. In addition, tasers can mitigate loss by avoiding costly damage to equipment and the lengthy decontamination process associated with pepper spray that can disrupt air service.

The purchases of 14 tasers and necessary equipment will be adequate for outfitting CCIA-DPS officers. The purchase will also standardize the most current make and model used by both CCIA-DPS and CCPD. As officers retire or leave the organization, they turn in their tasers for re-use by other officers. CCIA-DPS will continually monitor its taser and necessary equipment inventory to ensure that all officers that are required to carry a taser are issued one.

PROCUREMENT DETAIL:

This procurement is a direct purchase from Axon Enterprise, Inc., of Scottsdale, Arizona, under the Local government Code, Section 252.022(a)(2), as this purchase is necessary to preserve or protect the public health or safety of the City's residents. Axon Enterprise, Inc. also is the sole distributor of all TASER brand products.

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative is not to approve the contract and purchase as tasers fail. However, this will cause the City to lose the total savings of approximately \$6,000.00 that was negotiated as part of the proposed five-year agreement with Axon Enterprises. Additionally, as the current tasers fail, CCIA-DPS will be forced to spot purchase replacement tasers and accessories, resulting in times when officers might be without functioning tasers.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The FY 2025 fiscal impact is \$12,739.36 to the Airport Fund, with future years budgeted through the annual budgeting process.

FUNDING DETAIL:

Fund:	4610
Organization/Activity:	35050 – Airport Public Safety
Department:	53
Project # (CIP Only):	N/A
Account:	520090

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the purchase of 14 tasers, the necessary equipment for the tasers, and a five-year supply agreement for the Corpus Christi International Airport, as presented.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Axon Agreement
Price Sheet
Resolution