



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting of October 13, 2015
Second Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting of October 20, 2015

DATE: September 25, 2015
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Accepting and appropriating the FY2015 Body-Worn Camera Project grant from the Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance

CAPTION:

Ordinance authorizing the City Manager or designee to execute all documents necessary to accept a grant from the Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance in the amount of \$125,000 for the FY2015 Body-Worn Camera Project grant within the Police Department, for purchase of body cameras, with a City in-kind match of \$50,000 and cash match of \$75,000 from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund for a total project cost of \$250,000, and appropriating \$125,000 in the No. 1061 Police Grants Fund.

PURPOSE:

Accept the grant and appropriate the funds.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

Law enforcement agencies across the country and worldwide are using body-worn cameras (BWCs) as a promising tool to improve law enforcement interactions with the public. BWCs can provide a visual and audio record of interactions. Some preliminary evidence indicates that the presence of BWCs helps strengthen accountability and transparency, and can assist in de-escalating conflicts, resulting in more constructive encounters between the police and members of the community. The Police Department was one of 75 agencies across the country to receive the grant. The grant funds will provide for a maximum of 100 body cameras, storage, software, and licenses. The cash match will be provided by the Law Enforcement Trust Fund. The in-kind contribution is for a percentage of time the four employees currently working with the body camera system. The grant period is 10/01/2015 – 09/30/2017.

ALTERNATIVES:

None

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

None

CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:

Conforms to all city policies.

EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY:

Non-emergency

DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:

Finance
Legal

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

X Operating Revenue Capital Not applicable

Fiscal Year: 2015-2016	Project to Date Expenditures (CIP only)	Current Year	Future Years	TOTALS
Line Item Budget				
Encumbered / Expended Amount				
This item		\$75,000		\$75,000
BALANCE		\$75,000		\$75,000

Fund(s): Police Grants Fund

Comments:

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends accepting the grant and appropriating the funds.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Grant award contract