



AGENDA MEMORANDUM
Action Item for the City Council Meeting January 18, 2024

DATE: January 18, 2024
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Purchase of twenty-five mobile data computers and dash camera systems for the Corpus Christi Police Department

CAPTION:

Motion authorizing the purchase of 25 additional Panasonic mobile data computers and dash camera systems for the Corpus Christi Police Department from Turn-Key Mobile, Inc. of Jefferson City, Missouri, for \$425,425.00, with FY 2024 funds from the Police Law Enforcement Trust Fund State in the amount of \$106,356.50, the General Fund in the amount of \$106,356.50, and the Crime Control and Prevention District in the amount of \$212,712.00.

SUMMARY:

This item is a motion to approve the purchase of 25 additional Panasonic mobile data computers and dash camera systems for Corpus Christi Police Department (CCPD) patrol vehicles.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

Marked patrol vehicles require a mobile data terminal, dash cameras, and a mobile connection that links to the CCPD network in order to receive calls for service, capture criminal activity for prosecutorial purposes, and generate offense reports. The addition of this equipment will allow CCPD to fully upfit 25 additional 2023 Chevrolet Tahoes. The 25 additional Chevrolet Tahoes were purchased with funds from the approved FY 2023 Budget. The 25 additional Chevrolet Tahoes were delivered in early January 2024.

Once the 25 additional 2023 Chevrolet Tahoes are upfitted, CCPD will have 167 marked patrol units available for serving the community. All 167 marked patrol units will have the Panasonic mobile data computers and dash camera systems installed. This increase in marked patrol units is in line with our optimum fleet need of 185. The City anticipates increasing the number of marked vehicles to the optimum number of 185 in the next several years.

The purchase of the systems also includes accompanying equipment and software. The

equipment has a five-year warranty. The equipment will be installed by Dana Safety Supply. Dana Safety Supply is an emergency vehicle upfitting company and also a certified Panasonic equipment installer. Dana Safety Supply will upfit the 25 patrol vehicles on-site at CCPD property. The upfitting of the 25 patrol vehicles will be completed in approximately two months.

CCPD previously used CapFleet, which is located in Houston, Texas, for upfitting services; however, the City has ended its agreement with CapFleet. CCPD and Procurement did reach out to C&S Plating, a local upfitting vendor, for these services, but C&S Plating said that they do not have the facility space or manpower to upfit the 25 patrol vehicles in a timely manner.

PROCUREMENT DETAIL:

Panasonic vehicle video recording systems will be purchased through the Texas Department of Information Resources Cooperative (DIR). Contracts awarded through Department of Information Resources have been competitively procured and are in compliance with Texas local and state procurement requirements.

Competitive cost comparisons with other distributors for the same units show DIR purchase gives the City a savings of 19.46%. These savings come from the fact that the DIR offers an 11% discount on list cost, and Turn-Key Mobile, Inc. adds the additional discount on top of those 11% savings from DIR. The procurement process through DIR provides the CCPD with savings of approximately \$82,787.00 (\$3,300 per vehicle) for the purchase of the 25 additional Panasonic mobile data computers and dash camera systems.

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative is not to approve the purchase of the systems; however, this will mean that the twenty-five CCPD patrol vehicles will not have video recording systems installed unless another purchase is approved at a later date.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funds to purchase the twenty-five systems will come from FY 2024 funding from the Police Law Enforcement Trust Fund State in the amount of \$106,356.50, the General Fund in the amount of \$106,356.50, and the Crime Control and Prevention District in the amount of \$212,712.00.

Funding Detail:

Fund: 1074 – Police Law Enforcement Trust Fund State
Organization/Activity: 826000S
Department: 29
Project # (CIP Only): N/A
Account: 520090 – Minor Tools and Equipment
Amount: \$106-356.50

Fund: 1020 – General Fund
Organization/Activity: 11740 – Uniform Division
Department: 29
Project # (CIP Only): N/A
Account: 520090 – Minor Tools and Equipment
Amount: \$106,356.50

Fund: 9010 – Crime Control and Prevention District
Organization/Activity: 11717 – Public Safety Vehicles
Department: 29

Project # **(CIP Only)**: N/A

Account: 520090 – Minor Tools and Equipment

Amount: \$212,712.00

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the purchase of 25 additional Panasonic mobile data computers and dash camera systems, as presented.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Ordinance

Quote