



## **AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

Action Item for the City Council Meeting June 10, 2025

**DATE:** June 10, 2025

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### **Purchase of Binocular Night Vision Device Systems for the Corpus Christi Police Department**

#### **CAPTION:**

Motion authorizing the purchase of 11 additional binocular night vision device systems and accessories from Z Bar Supply Company, of Muleshoe, Texas, for the Corpus Christi Police Department's Special Weapons and Tactics Team for \$168,300.00, with FY 2025 funding in the amount of \$168,300.00 from the General Fund.

#### **SUMMARY:**

This motion authorizes the purchase of 11 additional binocular night vision devices for the Corpus Christi Police Department (CCPD) Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team. The devices will improve the team's safety and enhance its ability to respond to high-risk critical incidents in adverse lighting conditions.

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

The CCPD SWAT Team is a critical component of the Corpus Christi Police Department. CCPD's SWAT team responds within Corpus Christi and to all surrounding counties in the event of critical incidents such as hostage rescues, active shooter incidents, barricaded individuals, along with wanted individuals and narcotics search warrants.

Currently, 26 officers and two supervisors comprise the SWAT Team. However, the SWAT Team currently only has 16 pairs of binocular night vision devices. With the purchase of the 11 additional binocular night vision devices, CCPD will be able to issue each of its 26 SWAT Team officers with binocular night vision devices. This will also allow for CCPD to have an extra binocular night vision device to use in case one of the other binocular night vision devices needs repairs.

The purchase of the 11 additional binocular night vision devices will increase safety for SWAT Team members. but in addition, the devices will provide a tactical advantage for the officers utilizing them on calls which are often handled in low light/no light situations. This equipment comes with a two-year

warranty from the date of product registration by the original purchaser.

This purchase will complete CCPD's multi-year goal of outfitting all SWAT Officers with binocular night vision capabilities. The current 16 pairs of binocular night vision devices were purchased in previous years, with 10 being purchased in 2021 and six being purchased in 2022.

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

Z Bar Supply Company LLC., of Muleshoe, Texas, has offered CCPD a 20% price reduction from its standard MSRP of \$210,375.00, which equates to a savings of \$42,075.00 for the City.

The table below provides a cost comparison between Z Bar Supply Company, LLC. and other vendors with similar model night vision equipment.

			Z Bar Supply Company		Down Range Thermal		GT Distributors	
			Muleshoe, Texas		Spice Wood, Texas		Pflugerville, Texas	
Item Description	Unit	Qty	Unit Price	Total Price	Unit Price	Total Price	Unit Price	Total Price
L3 Harris PVS-31A White Phos Unfilmed	EA	11	\$11,550.00	\$127,050.00	\$ 11,999.00	\$131,989.00	\$12,999.00	\$142,989.00
Wilcox G24 NVG Flip Mount	EA	11	\$450.00	\$4,950.00	\$470.00	\$5,170.00	\$500.00	\$5,500.00
BE Meyers MAWL DA - Black or Tan	EA	11	\$3,300.00	\$36,300.00	\$3,400.00	\$37,400.00	\$3,735.00	\$41,085.00
TOTAL			\$168,300.00		\$174,559.00		\$189,574.00	

#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

The alternative is to not purchase the 11 additional binocular night vision devices and accessories and instead allow CCPD's SWAT Team to continue using its current binocular night vision devices. However, this will affect the SWAT Team's ability to provide a higher level of protection to the community as well as increased safety during SWAT operations.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

The fiscal impact in FY 2025 is in the amount of \$ 168,300.00 from the Police General Fund.

#### **FUNDING DETAIL:**

Fund:	1020	General Fund
Organization/Activity:	11740	Uniform Division
Mission Element:	029	Police Department
Project # (CIP Only):	N/A	
Account:	520090	Minor Tools & Equipment

Amount: \$168,300.00

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of this purchase for 11 additional binocular night visions devices and accessories for CCPD's SWAT Team from Z Bar Supply Company, LLC., as presented.

**LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

Price Sheet