



AGENDA MEMO
11/19/2019 Agenda

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Greg Spradlin, Chief of Police

SUBJECT: Purchase of Digital Evidence Platform to include Fleet, Body, and Interview Room Cameras

BACKGROUND:

In 2014, staff performed an update of the digital recording devices in the vehicles by contracting with L-3 Mobile Vision. Later, staff implemented a body camera program and incorporated L-3 body cameras into the digital evidence platform. These products have reached end-of-life status and are currently out of warranty. Staff is paying for repairs out of operating expenses on a per-repair basis.

In early 2019, staff from Police and Information Services began receiving demonstrations and quotes from market- leading vendors. It has been determined that Axon fits the needs of the city better than the others considered in terms of functionality, features, and costs. The proposed solution will enable wireless, secure, and automatic download of recordings, High Definition (HD) video, and superior tools for the review and export of video evidence. The body cameras are integrated into the fleet camera system and feature automatic recording with gunshot detection, active GPS while recording, and live streaming capabilities. The addition of Axon's Interview Room solution plus the ability to accept third-party video evidence provides a single platform for all digital evidence stored by the police department. This cloud-based storage solution, known as Evidence.com, eliminates the need for on-site physical storage components.

RECOMMENDATION:

After selecting the Axon product, staff obtained the attached quote in the amount of \$282, 003.14 payable in five (5) annual installments. The product includes a five-year warranty. This is a planned purchase out of the Equipment Services Fund. The Public Safety Advisory Committee reviewed this purchase and gave a unanimous recommendation to move forward with council presentation.

The contract is based on BuyBoard purchasing contract 568-18, which satisfies competitive bidding requirements.

Staff recommends approval of this contract based on the factors listed above.