



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

DATE: 11/1/2019

AGENDA OF: 11/12/2019

DEPARTMENT: Police

SUBJECT: Purchase of Tasers and Associated Licenses and Accessories (PD)

RECOMMENDATION: Motion to authorize the City Manager to enter into a five-year contract with Axon Enterprise, Inc. for the purchase of replacement Tasers and associated licenses and accessories in a form approved by the City Attorney in an amount not to exceed \$235,439.20.

BACKGROUND: The Santa Cruz Police Department (SCPD) is committed to employing de-escalation tactics whenever possible. The Department of Justice states that the use of Tasers and other Conducted Energy Devices (CEDs) can reduce the statistical rate of injury to suspects and officers who might otherwise be involved in more direct, physical conflict. Currently, all Santa Cruz Police Officers, Community Service Officers and Rangers are equipped with Tasers while on duty. However, due to the Department's growth and reorganization, currently multiple Taser service contracts are in place, and most equipment is reaching the end of useful life. To improve the efficient management, maintenance, and training on Tasers, the Department is seeking to engage in a five-year contract with Axon Enterprise, Inc. (Axon), a company whose Tasers are currently deployed with SCPD.

DISCUSSION: Section 3.08.170 of the Municipal Ordinance allows the City to buy from cooperative purchasing agreements when is in the best interest of the City to do so.

The Axon Enterprise, Inc. cooperative agreement through Law Enforcement GPO resulted from a procurement process completed by Public Procurement Authority of Wilsonville, Oregon, performing a publicly solicited contract established through a formal, competitive Request for Proposal (RFP) process.

Axon Enterprise, Inc., has been providing Tasers and other related contracts and services to law enforcement agencies for over two decades.

FISCAL IMPACT: There are adequate funds in the Santa Cruz Police Department's FY 2020 operating budget for the first year's payment of this purchase. This agreement will lock-in discounted prices through FY 2024.

Prepared by:
Patricia Dodge
Principal Management Analyst

Submitted by:
Andrew Mills
Chief of Police

Approved by:
Martin Bernal
City Manager

ATTACHMENTS:
Axon Enterprises contract