

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA, DISPENSING WITH COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HER DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE A FIVE YEAR AGREEMENT WITH AXON ENTERPRISE, INC. TO PURCHASE TASER 7's AND RELATED LICENSES, MAINTENANCE, AND PARTS

WHEREAS, the Glendale Police Department has always included de-escalation as an important part of its policies and training;

WHEREAS, Tasers are used as a life saving device to de-escalate a threat as they are a less lethal option that officers may utilize to control violent or potentially violent individuals, thus reducing the risk of serious bodily harm during these encounters;

WHEREAS, the Glendale Police Department currently uses the Taser model X26P developed and distributed by Axon Enterprise, Inc. ("Axon");

WHEREAS, 170 sworn members of the Glendale Police Department carry Tasers;

WHEREAS, each field officer is assigned a Taser in the Axon management system for accountability and evidentiary purposes;

WHEREAS, the model X26P Tasers currently used by the Glendale Police Department have reached their useful life and are in need of replacement;

WHEREAS, Axon's Taser 7 provides several enhanced features not available on the X26P model, including improved dart design and laser aiming that offers better accuracy and improved penetration through thick clothing, aiding in de-escalation efforts;

WHEREAS, Glendale Police Department staff has researched alternatives and learned that Axon's Tasers are the only conducted energy device available for police use and they are used exclusively by law enforcement agencies nationwide;

WHEREAS, Axon provided staff a dual source letter which states the equipment and services described above are only available through Axon, the manufacturer of Taser 7s, or Proforce Law Enforcement (Proforce), a third party vendor authorized to sell Axon's product;

WHEREAS, staff has obtained quotes from Axon and Proforce and both vendors offer similar packages, with Axon's five (5) year quote totaling \$595,315 and Proforce's five (5) year quote totaling \$589,590;

WHEREAS, both Axon and Proforce are able to offer the same number of tasers for field personnel, as well as the holsters, docks, rechargeable batteries, hardware replacement warranty, and Axon Evidence.com licensing, however, Axon's quote includes their "Conducted Electrical Weapons (CEW) Starter Service";

WHEREAS, although the dual source letter provided by Axon identifies Axon and Proforce as being authorized distributors for Taser brand CEW products, the letter states that Axon is the only authorized repair facility for Taser brand CWE products;

WHEREAS, Axon is the only vendor able to offer the CEW Starter Service which includes training;

WHEREAS, as the manufacturer, Axon is also able to offer direct support to enhance Department efficiency with the implementation process including logistics, computer systems integration, and troubleshooting services;

WHEREAS, in order to provide Glendale Police Department field personnel with equipment designed to assist in de-escalating a situation, staff recommends that the City Council authorize the execution of a five (5) year agreement with Axon to procure the Taser 7 Certification Bundle in the amount of \$595,315, which includes 175 Taser 7 devices, holsters, docks, rechargeable batteries, hardware replacement warranty, the CEW Starter Service, and Axon Evidence.com licensing;

WHEREAS, Axon's Taser 7 Certification Bundle will allow the Glendale Police Department to equip its field officers with Taser 7 devices while amortizing the cost associated with this purchase over 5 years;

WHEREAS, the Glendale Police Department also has a contract with Axon for in-car cameras and the Taser 7 devices would seamlessly integrate into the Evidence.com management system currently utilized to store the data collected by the in-car cameras;

WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 9 of the City of Glendale Charter provides an exemption to competitive bidding where the City Council determines it is in the best interests of the City to dispense with competitive bidding; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that it is in the best interests of the City of Glendale to dispense with competitive bidding for the purchase of the Taser 7 Certification Bundle.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA:

1. That the foregoing facts are deemed to be true and correct and a basis for dispensing with competitive bidding; and

2. That the City Manager or her designee is authorized to execute a five (5) year agreement with Axon for the purchase of the Taser 7 Certification Bundle which includes 175 Taser 7 devices, holsters, docks, rechargeable batteries, hardware replacement warranty, CEW Starter Service, and Axon Evidence.com in an amount not to exceed \$595,315, as more particularly discussed in the report by the Chief of Police to the City Council dated September 1, 2020.

Adopted by the Council of the City of Glendale, California, on this ____ day of _____, 2020.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

STATE OF CALIFORNIA) SS.
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES)

I, Aram Adjemian, City Clerk of the City of Glendale, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. _____ was adopted by a majority vote of the Council of the City of Glendale, California, at a regular meeting held on the _____ day of _____, 2020, and that the same was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

City Clerk