



CITY OF GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM

Report: Police Department In-Car Video System Addition, Interview Room Camera Modernization, and Digital Evidence Migration.

1. Resolution to dispense with competitive bidding and authorize the City Manager or a designee to execute an amendment to the agreement with Axon Enterprise, Inc. for the purchase of camera equipment, related software, maintenance and storage, parts, and professional services for the life of the equipment, adding \$230,000 to the contract for a new not to exceed amount of \$1,980,000.

COUNCIL ACTION

Item Type: Action Item

Approved for November 29, 2022 **calendar**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Police Department requests authorization to purchase 16 additional in-car-video camera sets, 9 interview room cameras and the migration of photo / video evidence from Caseworks software to our evidence software manager, Evidence.com. All products are Axon Enterprise Inc.'s (Axon) hardware and software.

This request addresses the modernization of legacy systems which are no longer supported, and mitigates the cumbersome processes required to use them which impacts staff productivity. The additional in-car video cameras address the need to outfit Police Department vehicles and provides spares to replace camera systems while in repair.

COUNCIL PRIORITIES

N/A

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the attached resolution dispensing with competitive bidding and authorizing the City Manager or a designee to execute a contract amendment with Axon to provide camera equipment, related software, maintenance and storage, parts, and professional services for the life of the equipment, adding \$230,000 to the contract for a new not to exceed amount of \$1,980,000.

BACKGROUND

The Glendale Police Department currently employs products and software developed by Axon throughout the organization. The complementary products allow for an efficient and cost-effective service delivery model. The Police Department currently has contracts with Axon for fleet in-car video cameras, body worn cameras, Taser 7's, and drones. All evidence gathered by the equipment is stored and managed in Evidence.com.

In April 2019, City Council approved a resolution to dispense with competitive bidding and enter into a contract with Axon for 5 years to provide in-car video cameras and related hardware and software to include Evidence.com. The approval also gave the Police Department the option to purchase body worn cameras with a total amount not to exceed \$1,700,000.

In October 2019, Amendment No. 1 to the contract was executed to procure additional hardware to support the in-car video systems.

In December 2020, Amendment No. 2 was executed for the early adoption of body worn cameras.

In December 2020, the City Council authorized Amendment No. 3 to provide hardware and software related to the unmanned aerial system program. Approval was also given for a new maximum cost not to exceed \$1,750,000.

In June 2021, Amendment No. 4 was executed by the Parties to update the equipment list with cameras more suitable for motor officers.

ANALYSIS

As of late 2019, all new digital evidence is housed in Evidence.com. Approval of this request will allow the migration of existing evidence which is still needed and will discontinue service with the Caseworks vendor. Caseworks is a legacy software program which has housed digital media evidence submitted by officers and personnel from the Verdugo Regional Crime Laboratory. Migrating this data to Evidence.com allows all evidence to be housed there, allowing for digital sharing with the Los Angeles District Attorney's office as well as other law enforcement partners as appropriate.

The Police Department's nine interview rooms are monitored and recorded by a legacy system that is no longer supported by the vendor. In use for over ten years, the hardware and software have reached its end of life. Additionally, transferring recorded evidence to Evidence.com is time consuming for staff. By utilizing Axon supported interview room cameras, the evidence can be easily viewed by supervisors and managers in real-time and then transferred to Evidence.com seamlessly when the recording has ended.

In an effort to have all front-line enforcement vehicles outfitted with the new in-car-video cameras, the department requires ten new systems. The new systems will be installed on unmarked enforcement vehicles which are assigned throughout the department. The additional cameras will address the gap in capturing all officer interactions, which is critical to fostering transparency and trust with the public. The six additional cameras will be used

as spares if a system needs to be repaired.

By housing all digital evidence in Axon's Evidence.com platform, staff can provide discovery for criminal and civil proceedings in a more efficient manner. Once in Evidence.com, the digital evidence is easily viewed and can be shared with law enforcement partners and the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office.

The two-year contract amendment would align with the duration of the term in the original contract. The amendment adds \$230,000 to the contract for a new not to exceed amount of \$1,980,000.

STAKEHOLDERS/OUTREACH

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT

The in-car video system expansion, interview room camera modernization, and professional services for digital evidence migration, maintenance and storage will cost \$230,000, which was approved as part of the FY 2022-23 ITD budget. No new appropriation is being requested at this time. The City Council approved funding is outlined below:

Existing Appropriation		
Amount	Account String	Funding Source
\$230,000	GL: 43110-6040-ISD-0020-P0000 PL: ISD00886AN	ITD Applications Fund

Future year costs of the on-going related software, maintenance, parts, and professional services will be budgeted as part of the Citywide Annual Budget process.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW (CEQA/NEPA)

The proposed action is exempt in that the procurement of the items requested in this report do not constitute a project under CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3) as it can be seen with certainty that it will have no significant impact on the environment. (Cal. Code Regs. Title 14 § 15061)

CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE

The names and business addresses of the members of the board of directors, the chairperson, CEO, COO, CFO, Subcontractors and any person or entity with more than 10% interest in the company proposed for contract in this Agenda Item Report are attached in Exhibit A, in accordance with the City Campaign Finance Ordinance No. 5744.

ALTERNATIVES

Alternative 1: Approve the resolution dispensing with competitive bidding and authorizing the purchase of 16 new fleet in-car video systems, 9 interview room camera upgrades, and the data migration of Caseworks to Evidence.com.

Alternative 2: Deny the Police Department's request. The Police Department will maintain evidence in legacy systems with expected failures, and some police enforcement interactions will not be memorialized.

Alternative 3: The City Council may consider any other alternative not proposed by staff.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

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EXHIBITS/ATTACHMENTS

Exhibit A – Campaign disclosures