



Takoma Park City Council Meeting – April 12, 2017 Agenda Item 2B

Voting Session (Consent Agenda)

Single Reading Ordinance for the Purchase of Replacement Interview Room Camera System and Additional Body Cameras

Recommended Council Action

Approve ordinance for purchase of replacement interview room camera system and additional body cameras.

Context with Key Issues

The Police Department currently utilizes the City's existing facility security camera system to record criminal interviews. The current system does not allow for long term retention of evidence and lacks the necessary security features needed for evidence recording and storage. In addition, the quality of the recordings being produced is not always acceptable in court.

The Police Department proposes entering into a five-year contract with Taser International to provide a complete system for recording and storage that meets court requirements for evidence. In addition to providing a complete interview room system, the agreement will expand the Department's use of body worn cameras to the investigative sections. Under the current program only uniformed patrol staff are equipped with cameras. This agreement will further the Department's goal of complete deployment.

The cost for two interview room systems, a server, off site data storage and retention, and new body camera hardware is \$20,199.34 for the first year. The ongoing cost is \$5,965.00 per year and will be added to the existing Taser contract costs in future operating budgets. Funds for year one of this agreement are available in the Safe Speed fund. We will reevaluate the system and evidence storage and retention needs at the end of the five-year contract term.

Council Priority

Engaged, responsive and service oriented government

Environmental Impact of Action

N/A

Racial Equity Impact Statement

The staff does not see any impact. This system does ensure accountability and transparency in interviews

Fiscal Impact of Action

The cost for the camera equipment and installation is \$20,199.34 in the first year, and \$5,965.00 per year for the next four years.

Attachments and Links

Single Reading Ordinance Authorizing the Contract with Taser International

Introduced by:

Single Reading Ordinance

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND
ORDINANCE NO. 2017-**

**AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE REPLACEMENT INTERVIEW ROOM CAMERA
SYSTEM AND ADDITIONAL BODY CAMERAS**

WHEREAS, the Police Department needs to modernize its interview room camera system, including its data retention capabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Department further desires to expand its body camera program; and

WHEREAS, the solution identified to achieve both is the Taser Interview room system with offsite data storage, which broadens our existing contract with Taser; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2017 budget has funds available in the Safe Speed fund; and

WHEREAS, the quoted price is based on a competitively bid contract with Taser International.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND THAT:

SECTION 1. The City Manager or her designee is authorized to enter into an agreement with Taser International.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2017 by roll-call vote as follows:

AYE:

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: