



Takoma Park City Council Meeting – October 24, 2018 Agenda Item 3B

Voting Session (Consent Agenda)

Single Reading Ordinance Authorizing the Purchase of Body Worn Cameras and In Car Camera Systems.

Recommended Council Action

Approve the ordinance.

Context with Key Issues

The use of Body Worn Camera (BWC) and In Car Camera systems provides audio/video recording of events. These recordings can be useful for documenting of evidence, preparing reports, and future court testimony. BWC and In Car Camera systems can improve community relations and deter inappropriate conduct by both the members of the public and police. Body worn cameras assist in the resolution of complaints against police officers and, if needed, in determining appropriate disciplinary action.

Most of our fleet vehicles are not currently equipped with in car camera systems. Those older vehicles that do have cameras are equipped with an outdated system that does not work, or are recorded onto a system that is no longer supported. The Axon In Car Cameras will be recorded onto a system already in use by the Police Department and that is accessible by the States Attorney's Office for court preparation and trial purposes. The Body Worn Cameras purchase is to complete the replacement of older equipment. These purchases were included in the FY19 City Budget.

The cost to equip 30 police vehicles with new Axon front and rear facing in car cameras, with installation, is \$68,814.90. The cost for 30 Axon Body 2 body worn cameras is \$8,985.00. The ordinance would authorize an agreement with Axon Enterprise, Inc. for the purchase and installation of the equipment. Axon Enterprise is the sole source of this equipment and the price is based on a competitively bid Montgomery County contract.

Council Priority

A Livable Community for All

Environmental Considerations

There are no known environmental considerations.

Fiscal Considerations

The total cost of the proposed purchase is \$77,799.90.

Racial Equity Considerations

In Car and Body Worn Cameras will not disproportionately impact any particular group. This system does help ensure accountability and transparency in police/civilian encounters.

Attachments and Links

Draft Single Reading Ordinance Authorizing the Purchase of In Car and Body Worn Cameras

Introduced by:

Single Reading Ordinance

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND
ORDINANCE NO. 2018-**

AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE IN CAR AND BODY WORN CAMERAS

WHEREAS, the Police Department seeks to purchase in car cameras and additional body worn cameras; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2019 budget has funds for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, the quoted price based on a competitively bid Montgomery County contract with Axon Enterprise, Inc. is \$77,799.90.

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 purchase body worn and in car cameras for \$77,799.90.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2018 by roll-call vote as follows:

AYE:

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: