



Takoma Park City Council Meeting – September 20, 2023

Agenda Item 1

Work Session

Renewal of the Police Department Contract with Axon Enterprises for Fleet Cameras

Recommended Council Action

Approve the ordinance.

Context with Key Issues

The use of In Car Camera (Fleet) systems provides an unbiased audio/video recording of events. These recordings can be useful for documenting of evidence, preparing offense reports, and future court testimony. In Car Camera systems can improve community relations and deter inappropriate conduct by both the members of the public and the police department. They can assist in the resolution of citizen complaints against police officers.

Our initial contract with Axon Enterprises for our Fleet system is up for renewal. The renewal will include the upgrading of the camera system in all vehicles that are equipped with in car cameras. The current cameras from Axon will be over five years old at the time the new cameras will be installed in the vehicles, and numerous upgrades have taken place in the intervening years. The updated cameras will provide High Definition video recording and the following upgrades from the current cameras/system:

- 24-hour video recall with remote access
- Daytime color video for interior camera
- Video overlay indicators for brakes, lights and sirens
- Respond for Devices add-on (vehicle location, alerts, livestreaming)
- Expandable up to five cameras

Our prior contract included the cost for purchase of the new cameras. The new contract also includes the cost of replacing the cameras at the end of the fifth year. The new proposed contract includes the installation of cameras with all new equipment and accessories, unlimited storage of recordings and a five-year extended warranty.

The total cost of the new contract is \$383,373.60, which will be paid in yearly installments. The following is the annual cost, with the first-year payment already included in the FY24 budget:

- June 2024 \$70,781.17
- June 2025 \$73,612.41
- June 2026 \$76,556.90
- June 2027 \$79,619.18
- June 2028 \$82,803.94

Council Priority

Advancing a Community of Belonging; Engaged, Responsive and Service-Oriented Government

Environmental Considerations

There are no environmental considerations.

Fiscal Considerations

The total cost for the new five-year contract is \$383,373.60.

Racial Equity Considerations

This system does ensure accountability and transparency in all police/citizen encounters.

Attachments and Links

Draft Single Reading Ordinance Authorizing the Purchase of Fleet Camera System

Introduced by:

Single Reading Ordinance

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-

AUTHORIZATION TO RENEW IN-CAR (FLEET) CAMERAS

WHEREAS, the Police Department proposed to renew its Axon Fleet contract and upgrade in-car cameras; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2024 budget has funds in the Safe Speed Budget that will be used for the first payment; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department proposes to contract with Axon Enterprises for a five-year renewal of their Fleet camera system, at a total cost of \$383,373.60, spread over the five-year term, to upgrade equipment and renew their contract.

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

SECTION 1. The City Manager or their designee is authorized to enter into an agreement with Axon Enterprises for the renewal of this contract.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2023 by roll-call vote as follows:

AYE:

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: