



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: FEBRUARY 6, 2018

FROM: POLICE DEPARTMENT WARDS: ALL

SUBJECT: PURCHASE OF VEHICLE DOCKING PACKAGE FOR THE BODY WORN CAMERA PROGRAM FROM COBAN TECHNOLOGIES, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$68,250

ISSUE:

Approve the purchase of the vehicle docking package in the amount of \$68,250 from COBAN Technologies, Inc.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council approve the purchase of the vehicle docking package in the amount of \$68,250 from COBAN Technologies, Inc.

BACKGROUND:

On December 6, 2016, the City Council approved the purchase of body-worn cameras from COBAN Technologies, Inc. The purchase was issued in accordance with Purchasing Resolution 22576, Section 201(f). The City had received cooperative pricing through the purchasing agreements with Houston-Galveston Area Council of Governments (HGAC).

In November 2017, the Police Department received the body-worn cameras and accessories associated with the approved purchase. The original purchase included a docking station that would allow officers to charge their cameras and upload to the hard drive.

DISCUSSION:

Since the issuance of the original purchase order in December 2016, COBAN Technologies has developed a new docking station. This docking station has Bluetooth capabilities and will enable in-field integration with the department's COBAN in-car video system. Therefore, when the police officer activates the lights/siren switch in the vehicle, both the COBAN in-car video system and the COBAN body-worn camera system will automatically initiate. This feature will allow the police officer to concentrate on the high-risk emergency situation on hand and provide a more efficient and safe environment. It will also ensure that all valuable video is captured.

Purchasing Resolution 23256, Article Six, Section 602(c), provides that formal procurement is not required when goods can only be obtained from a sole source. The Purchasing Manager agrees that the purchase in compliance with the Purchasing Resolution.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There will be no impact to the general fund. Sufficient funds in the amount of \$68,250 are available in the State COPS 17/18 grant funds, project account 9335600102-44021000.

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