



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: DECEMBER 6, 2016

FROM: POLICE DEPARTMENT WARDS: ALL

SUBJECT: PURCHASE BODY-WORN CAMERAS FROM COBAN TECHNOLOGIES, INC. –
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$286,454

ISSUE:

Approve the purchase of body-worn cameras from Coban Technologies, Inc. in the amount of \$286,454.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Approve the purchase of body-worn cameras from Coban Technologies, Inc. in the amount of \$286,454; and,
2. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute the necessary Services Agreement and associated documents for the installation of the software and hardware.

BACKGROUND:

Over the past years, technology has been increasingly used as a device for surveillance and observation, both by citizens and the police. The latest technological development for law enforcement in the area of surveillance involves body-worn cameras.

Body-worn cameras can help improve the high-quality public service expected of police officers, increase accountability, and promote a sense of procedural justice that communities have about their police departments.

DISCUSSION:

On April 26, 2016, City Council authorized the grant application for the amount of \$350,000 (\$175,000 in grant funds plus a \$175,000 required cash match) to the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, and Bureau of Justice Assistance for the competitive funding available through the Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program. As part of this action, City

Council authorized upon grant award, to increase estimated revenues in the amount of the grant, and appropriate expenditures in the same amount to an account as assigned by the Finance Department.

The Department has been researching and testing various manufacturers of body-worn cameras in an effort to find the most up-to-date and reliable technology. After testing and evaluating various manufacturers of body-worn cameras, staff found that Coban Technologies, Inc. provided the product that was in the best interest of the Riverside Police Department's operation. In addition, Coban Technologies, Inc. is the manufacturer of the Department's current in-car camera system, making a seamless technology integration of the in-car and body-worn cameras.

This procurement is being issued in accordance with Purchasing Resolution 22576, Section 201(f). The City received cooperative pricing through the purchasing agreements with Houston-Galveston Area Council of Governments (HGAC). The City's Purchasing Services Manager concurs that this exception applies and has determined that it is in the best interest of the City to contract with Coban Technologies, Inc., for the procurement of body-worn cameras.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total cost for the equipment is \$286,454. The grant funds, in the amount of \$143,227, are available in Police Department - Body-Worn Camera account number 9261300621-44012000. The City match funds, in the amount of \$143,227, are available in Police Department - Body-Worn Camera – City account number 9261310621-44030100.

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Attachment:	Services Agreement