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# City Council Memorandum

**TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL** **DATE: APRIL 6, 2021**

**FROM: POLICE DEPARTMENT** **WARDS: ALL**

**SUBJECT: PURCHASE OF ONE HUNDRED FIVE ADDITIONAL WATCHGUARD BODY WORN CAMERAS FROM WATCHGUARD VIDEO, INC. INCLUDING MISCELLANEOUS ACCESSORIES, SOFTWARE, LICENSING, INSTALLATION AND WARRANTY IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$178,977.30 - SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION**

## **ISSUES:**

Authorize a purchase order for the purchase of 105 additional WatchGuard Body Worn Cameras from WatchGuard Video, Inc. including miscellaneous accessories, software, licensing, installation and warranty in the total amount of \$178,977.30 and approve a supplemental appropriation of asset forfeiture funds in the same amount.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

That the City Council:

1. Authorize a purchase order for the purchase of 105 additional WatchGuard Body Worn Cameras from WatchGuard Video, Inc. including miscellaneous accessories, software, licensing, installation and warranty in the total amount of \$178,977.30; and
2. Authorize a supplemental appropriation, with at least five affirmative votes, from the Special Deposits Fund Asset Forfeiture deposit account in the amount of \$178,977.30 to the Grants and Restricted Programs Fund Police Asset Forfeiture account.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The Riverside Police Department (RPD) utilized the Coban in-vehicle video systems between 2007 and 2020 and utilized Coban Body Worn Cameras (BWC) between 2013 and 2020. During these time periods, Coban lost over 1,000 RPD videos due to Coban hardware and software issues. Due to the increasing amount of lost video data and outdated software technology, RPD decided to explore other vendors.

On September 15, 2020, the City Council approved a Professional Consultant Services Agreement (Technology Agreement) with WatchGuard Video, Inc. for the installation and

configuration of the WatchGuard Video Systems which included 200 WatchGuard BWC, 100 WatchGuard in-vehicle video systems, and miscellaneous accessories, including software, licensing and a five-year warranty from WatchGuard Video, Inc. in the amount of \$1,367,743.31.

## **DISCUSSION**

RPD has 409 budgeted sworn personnel within the Department. In 2020, RPD purchased 200 WatchGuard BWC and 100 WatchGuard in vehicle video systems, including software, licensing and a five-year warranty from WatchGuard Video, Inc. The proposed purchase will provide WatchGuard BWCs for an additional 105 sworn personnel with the main purpose of equipping all detectives with an assigned body camera.

The purchase includes 105 BWCs with removable batteries, 210 removable camera mounts, 30 removable and rechargeable batteries, annual device license and support, installation, and five-year warranty for a one time purchase amount of \$178,977.30. This is a one-time purchase and will not affect the existing agreement with WatchGuard Video, Inc.

It is necessary to purchase the WatchGuard BWCs and miscellaneous accessories in order for the new devices to be compatible with the WatchGuard Video Systems previously purchased. Purchasing Resolution 23256, Section 602(n) states that competitive procurement of goods through the informal or formal procurement process shall not be required when “the procurement is for the annual maintenance, license(s), support, or similar need for current technology systems, including hardware, and the items procured are from the owner/developer of the software/hardware or from a sole source provider, and the Manager is satisfied that the best price, terms and conditions have been negotiated.” Purchasing Resolution 23256, Section 702 (q) states that competitive procurement of services shall not be required when “the procurement is for the annual maintenance, license(s), support, or similar need for current technology systems, including hardware, and the items procured are from the owner/developer of the software/hardware or from a sole source provider, and the Manager is satisfied that the best price, terms and conditions have been negotiated.”

The Purchasing Services Manager Concurs that this purchase is in accordance with Purchasing Resolution 23256, Sections 602(n) and 702(q).

The Chief Information Officer has reviewed this purchase and concurs.

## **FISCAL IMPACT:**

The total fiscal impact of the action is \$178,977.30. Sufficient funding exists in the Asset Forfeiture deposit accounts, with a combined approximate balance of \$1.1 million, including \$769,000 in Federal Department of Justice account 0000721-225111. If Council approves the recommendations in this report, \$178,977.30 will be appropriated from Special Deposits Fund Asset Forfeiture - Federal Department of Justice deposit account 0000721-225111 to the Grants and Restricted Programs Fund Police Asset Forfeiture expenditure account 3145400-426800.

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Approved as to form: Kristi J. Smith, Interim City Attorney

Attachment: WatchGuard Quote for additional body worn cameras