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	Submitted by:	Dana Wingert, Chief of Police

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving the recommendation of the Police Department that Watchguard Video be selected as the preferred vendor to provide a body camera and in-car camera solution for the Police Department, and authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute a contract with Watchguard Video.

SYNOPSIS:

As a result of a formal Request for Proposals (RFP) process, the Police Department (through a Body Camera Selection Committee) recommends entering into an agreement with Watchguard Video (Watchguard), Stephan Coffman, President, 415 Century Parkway, Allen, TX, for the purchase of an integrated in-car and body worn camera system. This would also authorize the City Manager or his designee to negotiate and execute final approval of a contract. This purchase will help further realize Goal #2 of PlanDSM: Providing a safe and secure environment for all City residents, workers, and visitors.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: Estimated costs are \$1,100,000 and will vary depending on final quantities, accessories, and warranty options. A breakdown is listed below:

- Body Cameras (300): \$350,000
- In-Car Cameras (100): \$500,000
- Initial Warranty and Licensing: \$190,000
- Installation and Accessories: \$60,000

Additional costs for on-going maintenance and warranty will be incurred annually beginning in Fiscal Year (FY) 2018. Cost savings in future years may be possible if warranty and maintenance costs are paid up-front, however this would increase the initial cost estimate.

The on premise storage solution will be purchased by the Information Technology (IT) Department from a separate vendor and will be a separate Council agenda item.

Funding Source: Multiple Funding Sources: Private Contributions (PD229000), General Fund (PD220354, PD222381), JAG Grant (JAG00015, JAG00016), Federal and/or State Asset Forfeiture Funds (PD225000, PD226000).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Selection Process: The Body Camera Selection Committee through the Procurement Division of the Finance Department commissioned an RFP in December 2015 for an integrated in-car camera and body camera solution. The committee received six (6) qualified bids from respective vendors. The committee evaluated each of the six (6) bids, and determined that two (2) merited further evaluation and testing. Each of the two (2) finalists' in-car and body cameras were independently tested in concurrent six (6) week testing periods. After the testing period, the committee reevaluated the finalists and determined Watchguard to be the best product for the Des Moines Police Department (DMPD). The Committee based this recommendation on experience, cost, production functionality, references and recommendations.

Product and Vendor Information: The Watchguard suite of products was chosen for a wide range of product features including: industry leading battery life, ability to retrieve recordings even when the body camera is not on, Global Positioning System (GPS) functionality and Wifi capabilities, and officer wear evaluations. Watchguard was the unanimous choice for the officers who tested both finalists. Watchguard is providing body cameras to large clients such as Houston, TX and Detroit, MI and is the in-car camera provider for Polk County and other metro law enforcement agencies.

Next Steps: The intent is to finalize details and enter into a contract for services by November 2016. The anticipated first order of body cameras would be received and deployed to the first wave of officers by December. Between now and initial deployment, a training plan will be finalized, storage solution implementation and IT infrastructure work completed, installation plan for in-car cameras developed, as well as finalizing a specific quantity, warranty timeframe, features, and maintenance plan. Full implementation is expected to be completed by June 2017.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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