

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

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	Agenda Item:	68	Roll Call:	25-1341
	Submitted by:	Mike McTaggart, Chief of Police		

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving the proposition to authorize and enter into a loan agreement in the principal amount, not-to-exceed \$1,091,997.95 for the purpose of purchasing taser certification bundle equipment and materials from Axon Enterprise Inc. (17800 N 85th Street, Scottsdale, AZ 85255, Rick Smith, CEO), for the City of Des Moines Police Department.

SYNOPSIS:

Approval of the debt financing related to the purchase of CEW for the Police Department from Axon Enterprise Inc. This purchase would replace all current Patrol inventory devices because they have achieved their useful shelf life. The new upgraded device offers improved operational technology including software for data usage, diagnostic information, VR (virtual reality) and an analysis of each deployment. The new model has a visual light and an audible alarm to alert induce compliance and warn of potential use. The annual service agreement includes software upgrades, unlimited replacement of batteries and cartridges. The debt financing will allow the cost of the purchase and service agreement to be distributed over a five (5)-year period. The devices provide a critical option to police officers as they work to de-escalate dangerous situations using the least force necessary.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: Amount: \$1,091,997.95 over the course of five (5) years:

- Fiscal Year 2026 - \$119,418.75
- Fiscal Year 2027 - \$243,144.80
- Fiscal Year 2028 - \$243,144.80
- Fiscal Year 2029 - \$243,144.80
- Fiscal Year 2030 - \$243,144.80

Funding Source: Patrol Section (PD220354) Adopted Operating Budget Fiscal Year 2025

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- Approval of this agreement with payments over the five (5)-year term of the agreement not to exceed \$1,091,997.95.

- When verbal directives prove ineffective the taser is an essential option for police officers responding to dangerous situation. They are vital in minimizing the risk of injury to the public and police officers. Police Department trainers undergo extensive training and certification provided by the manufacturer and other sources to provide in-depth training to officers to include proper use and department policies.
- Over the last five (5) years, the department has averaged 20 taser deployments per year, including many incidents with violent or dangerous people who were combative, suicidal, or possessing weapons. The updated tasers have improved technology which includes an audible alarm to alert deployment along with a visual light for accuracy. Improved and updated software has been added to the device to offer information on usage, diagnostic data, and analysis of each deployment.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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