


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	21-456	Meeting:	October 18, 2021
	Agenda Item:	53	Roll Call:	21-1606
	Submitted by:	Dana Wingert, Chief of Police		

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving the proposition to authorize and enter into a purchase agreement in the principal amount, not-to-exceed \$534,000, for the purpose of purchasing electronic control devices (ECD) 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 ECD for the Police Department from Axon Enterprise Inc. This purchase would replace all current devices and increase the number available for training and use on duty. The new upgraded device offers improved operational technology including software for data on usage, diagnostic information, and an analysis of each deployment. The new model includes a visible warning spark (without deployment of the darts) to serve as a deterrent. The annual service agreement includes software upgrades, unlimited replacement of batteries and cartridges. The debt financing agreement will allow the cost of the purchase and service agreement to be distributed over a 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: \$533,500 over the course of five (5) years:

- FY2022 - \$53,350.00
- FY2023 - \$120,037.50
- FY2024 - \$120,037.50
- FY2025 - \$120,037.50
- FY2026 - \$120,037.50

Funding Source: Patrol Section (PD220354) Adopted Operating Budget Fiscal Year (FY) 2022, Page 179.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- Approval of this purchase agreement with payments over the 5-year term of the agreement not to exceed \$533,500.

- When verbal directives prove ineffective, the ECD is an essential option for police officers responding to dangerous situations. 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 ECD deployments per year, including many incidents with violent or dangerous persons who were combative, suicidal, or possessed weapons. The updated ECD have improved technology which includes a warning arc that visually sparks the device without deploying darts. New software has been added to the device to offer information on usage, diagnostic data, and an analysis of each deployment. The new design holds an additional cartridge for secondary use when necessary. The new model provides a greater deterrent to aid in de-escalation strategies.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: October 4, 2021

Roll Call Number: [21-1480](#)

Action: [On](#) the proposition to authorize a loan agreement in the principal amount not to exceed \$534,000 for the purpose of purchasing certain taser certification bundle equipment and materials, (10-18-21). ([Council Communication No. 21-409](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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