



Legislation Text

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SUBJECT/RECOMMENDATION:

Approve an agreement with Axon, Incorporated, of Scottsdale, AZ, in the amount of \$917,068, for Taser 7 equipment, licensing, maintenance, and training, in accordance with City Code of Ordinances Section 2.564(1) (d) Other Government Entities Bids and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)

SUMMARY:

The Police Department began using Taser (now Axon, Incorporated) Conducted Electrical Weapons (CEW) in 2003, with the Model M26. In 2010, as these devices became outdated/discontinued, the Police Department moved to the Model X26 version, with a four-year warranty. These devices were updated again in 2015 to the Model X26P.

The Taser Model X26P is nearing the end of its operational capacity and maintenance/support by Axon, Incorporated; this device is being replaced with the Taser 7. The Taser 7 is more accurate, establishes stronger and better connection with the target, and allows for better clothing penetration. Additionally, this device allows for two cartridges to be simultaneously loaded into the device for immediate activation; previous versions required each cartridge to be loaded separately by the user, which created officer and citizen safety concerns if the first cartridge missed the target. Furthermore, with "Adaptative-Cross Connect," the Taser 7 will allow for activation even if only one barb from each individual cartridge strikes the target.

The Taser 7 Certification plan includes the Taser 7 device, holsters, rechargeable batteries, instructor training, end-user training, as well as access to on-line and virtual reality training content. This Certification Plan also incorporates eight training cartridges per device, per year and unlimited cartridges for field use. Currently, the Police Department is required by Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation standards to fire a minimum number of training cartridges during scenario training each year.

The Police Department would receive a credit during the first year of this agreement for its existing 241 Taser X26P units (of varying year of manufacture: between 2015 and 2018), approximately 500 Taser X26P cartridges, and other professional services relating to establishing the Taser 7 Program, in the amount of: \$36,347.

The Taser 7 additionally integrates, using the Taser 7 Device Manager software, with the Department's existing Evidence.com software, which Council approved earlier this year and was implement in June 2019.

The pricing included in this agreement was previously competitively solicited and obtained through the National Purchasing Partners, a national resource for public entities for similar public solicitations; the City of Clearwater is a participating member in this partnership.

The Department anticipated this purchase and has funding available for the first year of the agreement, in the amount of \$179,265 plus project contingency \$20,734. The four subsequent years' service and support is

estimated at \$179,265 in Year Two and \$179,268 in Year Three, Year Four, and Year Five (\$717,069).

Authorize Clearwater Police Chief Daniel Slaughter to sign the Quote Appendix.

APPROPRIATION CODE AND AMOUNT:

Funding for this contractual agreement and contingency funds are included in the Police Department's fiscal year 2019-2020 operating budget request for cost code, 0101156-544100, rentals-equipment. Future fiscal year funding will be required through the annual Operating Budget Process.