




## MEMORANDUM

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Date: September 25, 2024

To: Honorable Mayor and Commissioners

Via: Todd Stoughton  
Interim City Manager

From: Sean T. Brandenburg   
Chief of Police

Subject: Authorize the Key West Police Department to purchase ten (10) Body Worn Cameras with related equipment and software from Axon Enterprises for a total amount of \$92,412.80, utilizing a three-year payment plan.

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### **Introduction**

The Key West Police Department is requesting authorization to purchase ten (10) Body Worn Cameras, and related equipment and software from Axon Enterprises, for a total amount of \$92,412.80, utilizing a three-year payment plan. The purchase will be pursuant to Key West Code of Ordinances, Sections 2-844 (a) – Brand Name, 2-797 (1)(b) and (1)(c) – Sole Source, and 2-797 (4)(b) – Best Interest. Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute necessary documents, upon consent of the City Attorney; authorizing any necessary budget transfers or adjustments; providing for an effective date.

### **Background**

The Key West Police Department already utilizes Axon Body Worn Cameras, Axon In-car cameras, and Axon Tasers. All these devices have the capability to communicate with each other and can all be activated simultaneously. We have the software to operate and maintain the digital evidence captured by these devices in place; therefore, it is in the best interest of the city to purchase these cameras from Axon. Axon Enterprises is the sole distributor of all Axon products, therefore, purchasing Axon body worn cameras from a different vendor is not an option. Additionally, body worn cameras from a different vendor would not be compatible with our established Axon system.

This purchase will provide us the ability to outfit our new recruits with body worn cameras and have a small inventory of replacement / spares cameras on hand, should any cameras need to be sent back to Axon for repairs.

Axon Body Worn Cameras meet our needs in various ways. The video footage collected will serve as crucial evidence in investigations and legal proceedings. The presence of body worn cameras can foster trust between our officers and the community. When citizens know that their interactions with police are being recorded, it can enhance transparency and potentially reduce confrontations. Body worn camera footage also serves as valuable training material, allowing the department to review officer performance and improve our training programs. This can help identify best practices and address areas needing improvement. Overall, body worn cameras play a pivotal role in modern policing by enhancing transparency and accountability.

**Procurement**

The total amount of this purchase will be \$92,412.80, paid for by utilizing a three-year payment plan (see below).

Three-year Payment Plan:

- Year 1 – FY 24/25 \$36,606.42
- Year 2 – FY 25/26 \$27,356.07
- Year 3 – FY 26/27 \$28,450.31

Funding for the year 1 payment of this purchase has been approved in our FY24/25 budget, in account #101-2101-521-6400, Machinery and Equipment. We also request the future year 2 and year 3 payments, listed above, are approved in future Key West Police Department budgets, in account #101-2101-521-6400, Machinery and Equipment.

**Recommendation**

The Key West Police Department recommends the purchase of these Axon Body Worn Cameras to improve our effectiveness and continue our efforts of accountability and transparency. Axon Enterprises and their products are meeting the needs of our agency.

Exhibits:

Exhibit A – Axon Quote

Exhibit B – Axon Master Services and Purchasing Agreement

Exhibit C – Axon Sole Source Justification Letter