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TO: Patti McLauchlin, City Manager

FROM: Sean T. Brandenburg, Chief of Police

DATE: October 18, 2022

RE: Authorize the purchase of an Axon Bundle to include 103 Taser 7s, 103 Body Worn Cameras, 20 In-Car Camera Systems, 2 Interview Room Camera Systems, and Equipment & Software from Axon Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$1,534,709.60

Action Statement:

This resolution authorizes the purchase of an Axon Bundle to include 103 Taser 7s, 103 Body Worn Cameras, 20 In-Car Camera Systems, 2 Interview Room Camera Systems, and Equipment & Software from Axon Enterprises, Inc. for a total of \$1,534,709.60 in the Best Interest of the City of Key West. This purchase is made pursuant to Ordinance 2-797(4)(b).

<u>Qty</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Total Price</u>
1	Axon Bundle	\$1,534,709.60

The Key West Police Department is purchasing 103 Taser 7s, 103 Body Worn Cameras, 20 In-Car Camera Systems, 2 Interview Room Camera Systems, and Equipment & Software pursuant to Ordinance Section 2-797(4)(b) as part of our ongoing technology update and enhancement program. The tasers & body worn cameras will be deployed to patrol officers to replace aging units and better meet the demands of evidence collection. This will ensure that all officers have the same brand of tasers, body worn cameras, and in-car cameras. The Axon system was chosen over the Coban Technologies (Safefleet) system after extensive comparative field testing, feedback from the patrol officer user groups, and recommendation by the Key West Police Department’s IT Department.

They are being purchased pursuant to Ordinance 2-797(4)(b), Best Interest. Axon Enterprises, Inc. is a sole source vendor for Axon body worn cameras, tasers, in-car cameras, and interview room camera products, and these cannot be purchased through any other third-party vendor. The purchase of this



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bundle from Axon Enterprises, Inc. at the quoted price is fair and reasonable and in the best interest of the City of Key West and the Key West Police Department.

Background:

The City of Key West has a Technology Replacement Plan in place to ensure all technology at the various city locations is kept up to date. One of the goals of the plan is replacing hardware infrastructure that has met or exceeded technical obsolescence. Currently the Key West Police Department is utilizing X26P Tasers, purchased in 2015 and 2016. These tasers have far exceeded the end of their useful and reliable service life and are all out of warranty. By purchasing the 103 Taser 7s included in this Axon Bundle we will replace our current stock of Tasers.

The Key West Police Department is utilizing Axon Body 2 body worn cameras, purchased in 2018. These body worn cameras have far exceeded the end of their useful and reliable service life and are all out of warranty. By purchasing the 103 body worn cameras included in this Axon Bundle we will replace our current stock of body worn cameras.

The Key West Police Department is still utilizing Coban Technologies (Safefleet) systems in approximately 20 vehicles, which have far exceeded the end of their useful and reliable service life and are all out of warranty. The Coban Technologies (Safefleet) systems are unable to be warranted any longer due to their age. During FY21/22 we purchased 30 Axon Fleet 2 (in-car camera) systems and they have exceeded our expectations. By purchasing another 20 systems this year we will have all our fleet changed from the far outdated Coban systems, and to the superior Axon Fleet 2 systems.

The Axon Fleet 2 in-car camera system is compatible with the Taser 7s, and Body 2 body worn cameras. This will allow there to be one repository for all electronic evidence collected across these devices. In addition, with the Unlimited Fleet 2 setup proposed, the officer's body worn camera would be wirelessly uploaded as the officer worked, rather than having to come in from the field to manually dock their camera for upload. With the proposed Axon Bundle, we would have unlimited storage with Axon Enterprises, Inc. for all evidence created by the devices. This plan also accounts for an automatic hardware upgrade on the fifth year of the contract. The whole system comes with a 5-year all-inclusive warranty.

The Key West Police Department currently has two interview rooms that were equipped with Coban camera systems. These systems have exceeded the end of their useful and reliable service life and are out of warranty. Currently, body worn cameras are being utilized to record interviews. This practice is



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not ideal in criminal investigations. The use of a covert camera system allows for less distractions for the interviewer and interviewee. By purchasing the two Axon interview room camera systems we will be able to conduct more efficient interviews, and this will also allow for the interviews to be stored in the central repository with all other electronic evidence collected by the Key West Police Department.

Purpose and Justification:

Law Enforcement use of technology has expanded substantially over the past two decades. With the increase in technology, clear leaders in the field have emerged, the leader being Axon Enterprises, Inc. In the area of real-time video/audio evidence collection and the advancement of their technology; some companies have integrated their in-car camera and body worn camera to work effortlessly together. In Axon's case, this has gone a step farther also integrating the Taser 7s ability to activate the body worn camera and in-car camera when turned on. The Key West Police Department already uses 30 Axon Fleets 2 in-car camera systems, which will integrate seamlessly with the addition of 20 more Fleet 2 in-car camera systems and the 103 body worn cameras and tasers. The major benefit would be having only one repository for all electronic evidence instead of multiple repositories.

Options:

One option is to purchase this Axon Bundle and allow the Key West Police Department to keep pace with current and emerging technology in law enforcement. Another option is to forego the purchase of these items and continue to use the aging and out of warranty Axon and Coban devices. The second option will also result in costly repairs, or the device being downed do to replace parts not being available.

Financial Impact:

Funds for this purchase have been approved in the FY22/23 Police budget in account #101-2101-521-6400 (Infrastructure Surtax Machinery & Equipment) for this Axon Bundle (103 Taser 7s, 103 body worn cameras, 20 in-car camera systems and 2 interview rooms). These funds are part of the City's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, Agreement No. Y5151, Resolution 21-191, with the Florida Division of Emergency Management.



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Recommendation:

The Key West Police Department recommends the purchase of this Axon Bundle and believes it is in the best interest of the City to do so.



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