

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, TO DISPENSE WITH THE COMPETITIVE BIDDING REQUIREMENTS AND AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE AND SERVICE OF BODY-WORN VIDEO CAMERAS, DATA STORAGE, AND CONDUCTED ELECTRICAL WEAPONS WITH TASER INTERNATIONAL, INC.

WHEREAS, the City of Fresno's Police Department has determined that body-worn video cameras and conducted electrical weapons ("CEWs") would benefit police officer safety and improve public safety to the citizens of Fresno;

WHEREAS, the City of Fresno's Police Department requires a product that provides multiple mounting options for the cameras as well as a battery life that can last a full work shift for optimum functionality;

WHEREAS, police encounters are often recorded by citizens with smart phones or other recording devices, which may be altered or provide only a portion of the police-citizen contacts, and the use of body-worn cameras may provide more accurate representation of events from the perspective of police officers;

WHEREAS, over the past three years the Police Department researched various body camera options, including "VidMic," a system which officers found recorded poorly in low light conditions, interfered with radio use, suffered from poor battery life, required video storage on an internal server beyond current system capacity, and was difficult to search;

WHEREAS, the Police Department also tested a small pen type camera, which the Department found to have poor video quality and battery life, and necessitated storing video on an SD card on internal servers;

WHEREAS, an investigation by the Police Department and review by the Purchasing Manager determined that AXON Flex body cameras, sold exclusively by TASER International Inc., is the only camera which provides the features and specifications required by the Fresno Police Department, including data storage on cloud-based servers at Evidence.com, which eliminates need to install and maintain additional internal servers beyond City's current capacity, and improves evidence management and searching as compared to data collected via SD cards;

WHEREAS, the City of Fresno Charter Section 1208 requires competitive bidding for materials involving the expenditure of City monies in excess of \$139,000, unless Council determines that the work to be done or the goods to be supplied can only be provided by one source, and the purchase is authorized by resolution of the Council containing a declaration of facts constituting the sole source;

WHEREAS, the purchase price of the body-worn cameras, unlimited data storage, and Conducted Electrical Weapons is the product of extensive negotiations between the Chief of Police and TASER International, Inc.;

WHEREAS, TASER brand CEWs are the industry standard CEW, providing the only professional-grade CEW model widely utilized by law enforcement officers;

WHEREAS, Police Department officers have undertaken nearly fifteen years of muscle memory training and practice and use of TASER CEWS, and deploying another

CEW model would require significant time and training efforts, and would compromise officer and public safety due to the difficulty in overriding years of muscle memory;

WHEREAS, data from TASER brand CEWs is linked to and stored on Evidence.com, providing a seamless data storage mechanism in which the Department has invested for over a year; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department has not tested comparable CEW models because no other comparable CEW model has been introduced for use by law enforcement officers with the level of medical research and evidence tracking ability of TASER CEWs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Fresno as follows:

1. The Council has received and considered the report and recommendation of City Staff.
2. The AXON Flex body cameras featuring all of the functionality required by the City of Fresno's Police Department will best serve officer safety and the community.
3. The conducted electrical weapons from TASER will best serve officer and public safety while providing the features necessary to the Police Department.
4. The Council finds it is proper to dispense with the competitive bidding requirements in this instance, and the Chief of Police or designee is authorized to enter into a contract with TASER International, Inc., for AXON Flex body cameras, conducted electrical weapons, data storage and technological support, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF FRESNO) ss.
CITY OF FRESNO)

I, YVONNE SPENCE, City Clerk of the City of Fresno, certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the City of Fresno, at a regular meeting held on the _____ day of _____, 2015.

AYES :
NOES :
ABSENT :
ABSTAIN :

Mayor Approval: _____, 2015
Mayor Approval/No Return: _____, 2015
Mayor Veto: _____, 2015
Council Override Vote: _____, 2015

YVONNE SPENCE, CMC
City Clerk

BY: _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

BY: _____
Amanda B. Freeman (Date)
Deputy

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