

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRESNO, AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE AND SERVICE OF BODY-WORN VIDEO CAMERAS, DATA STORAGE, AND CONDUCTED ELECTRICAL WEAPONS WITH AXON INTERNATIONAL, INC. WITHOUT ADVERTISED COMPETITIVE BIDDING.

WHEREAS, The Fresno 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 five years the Fresno Police Department has issued the Axon Flex 2 body worn camera and CEW to all officers in uniformed assignments, and recently to all members of the Special Weapons and Tactics Team, totaling at least 556 officers equipped with an Axon body camera and CEW;

WHEREAS, a previous investigation by the Police Department and review by the Purchasing Manager determined that Axon Flex 2 body cameras, sold exclusively by Axon 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

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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 purchase price of the body worn cameras, unlimited data storage, and CEWs is the product of extensive negotiations between the Chief of Police and Axon International, Inc.;

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

WHEREAS, Fresno Police Department officers have undertaken many years of muscle memory training and practice and use of the Axon body worn camera and CEW, and deploying another body worn camera or CEW would require significant financial resources, time and training efforts, and would severely compromise officer and public safety due to the difficulty in overriding the years of training and muscle memory;

WHEREAS, data from Axon body worn camera and CEWs is linked to and stored securely on evidence.com, providing a seamless data mechanism in which the Department has invested in for over five years;

WHEREAS, City of Fresno Charter Section 1208 requires competitive bidding for materials, supplies, equipment or for any public work of improvement involving the expenditure of City monies in excess of \$141,000, 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 Council containing a declaration of the facts constituting the sole source.

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

follows:

The Council has received and considered the report and recommendations of City staff.

1. The Axon Flex 2 body cameras featuring all of the functionality required by the City of Fresno's Police Department will best serve officer safety and the community.

2. The conducted electrical weapons from Axon will best serve officer and public safety while providing the features necessary to the Police Department.

3. 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 Axon International, Inc., in the amount of \$839,900 in year one and \$788,500 in the subsequent four years for the purchase of Axon Flex 2 body cameras, conducted electrical weapons, data storage and technological support, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

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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 \_\_\_\_\_ 2020.

AYES :  
NOES :  
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Mayor Approval: \_\_\_\_\_, 2020  
Mayor Approval/No Return: \_\_\_\_\_, 2020  
Mayor Veto: \_\_\_\_\_, 2020  
Council Override Vote: \_\_\_\_\_, 2020

YVONNE SPENCE, MMC CRM  
City Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
DOUGLAS T. SLOAN  
City Attorney

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kristi Costa Date  
Deputy City Attorney