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Issue Sheet

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\$ IMPACT: \$1,086,746.00.

Agenda Title:

Approval to purchase 80 body worn cameras and 76 vehicle mounted dash camera systems, along with all required peripheral hardware/software and maintenance, for Police from Axon Enterprise, Inc. (17800 North 85th Street Scottsdale, Arizona 85255). This includes installation, setup, and training. Initial cost for purchase of the 5-year agreement is \$397,504.40. The Police department would request budgeting for years 2-5 at a cost of \$172,310.40 (year over year). Total purchase price \$1,086,746.00.

ISSUE: Due to software upgrades that have produced problematic issues with police in-car Panasonic cameras systems, along with the VieVu body worn camera manufacturer being purchased by Axon Enterprise, Inc., the Police Department requests consent to purchase 80 body worn cameras and 76 vehicle mounted dash camera systems, along with all required peripheral hardware/software and maintenance, from Axon Enterprise at a cost of \$1,086,746.00. This project resolves the software and communication issues that have recently plagued our ability to effectively capture critical video data. Additionally, this new technology will provide positive impacts to open records requests, information systems (cloud technology and built in hardware/software upgrades), seamless communications with the District Attorney's Office, and provide automatic activations for video recording creating improved officer safety in the field. Axon Enterprises is a sole source provider.

BACKGROUND: Since June 2015, the Smyrna Police Department has been at the forefront of the law enforcement industry with the use of video technology, providing each police officer in the field with a dash mounted in-car camera, as well as a body worn camera. This technology has aided in criminal case prosecution, reduced the number of citizen complaints with Internal Affairs, and provided the department with valuable training data from which to improve the interpersonal skills of police officers and their interaction with our community. The City Council has been extremely proactive in encouraging video technology to aid in transparency of police/citizen contacts while documenting facts for later use in investigations both internally and externally. The department's Civilian Review Board, who assists the Command Staff with use of force incidents and review, highly

supports the request for improved video technology.

RECOMMENDATION/REQUESTED ACTION: The Chief of Police, Staff, Finance, Information Systems and Purchasing recommend approval.