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AGENDA REPORT

TO: Sabrina B. Landreth
City Administrator

FROM: Sean Whent
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SUBJECT: Purchase of Additional Body Worn
Cameras Supplemental Report

DATE: March 14, 2016

City Administrator Approval

Date:

3/16/16

RECOMMENDATION

Staff Recommends That The City Council Adopt A Resolution: 1) Authorizing The City Administrator, Or Designee, To Purchase: (A) Body Worn Cameras For Forty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000) And Hardware For Eighteen Thousand Five-Hundred Dollars (\$18,500), For A Total Cost Not To Exceed Sixty Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$63,500) From Adamson Police Products; And (B) Technical Support For Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) from VIEVU; And 2) Waiving The City's Advertising/ Bidding Requirements And Request For Proposal For The Proposed Purchases.

REASON FOR THE SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

The Rules Committee requested additional information related to the Oakland Police Department's (OPD) schedule for issuing a Request for Proposals/Request for Qualifications (RFP/Q) for a new fleet of body-worn cameras (BWC). Additionally, the Rules Committee requested additional information regarding OPD's immediate need to purchase additional BWCs, related equipment and maintenance services before the RFP/Q process is complete.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The "Purchase of Additional Body Worn Cameras Report" dated March 4, 2016 explains that OPD is requesting authorization to purchase 50 additional BWCs as well as associated hardware to provide this equipment to new officers. As explained in the report, the resolution authorizing the City Administrator or designee to enter into the purchase contract also authorizes \$200,000 to fund ongoing maintenance for the BWC program. The program needs an ongoing maintenance budget as cameras must regularly be repaired due to damage.

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This supplemental report provides a timeline for the process the city plans to undertake to purchase a new fleet of modern BWCs. This process will be competitively bid and staff will thoroughly evaluate proposals when they arrive.

ANALYSIS AND POLICY ALTERNATIVES

The purchase of 50 additional BWCs along with 100 Universal Serial Bus (USB) vehicle plugs and 10 docking stations is necessary for OPD to equip additional officers (currently in the basic academy) with this important technology. OPD policy requires officers assigned to field duties to have functional BWCs. The March 8, 2016 report explains why OPD believes that BWCs are a critical tool in promoting transparency and constitutional policing.

Currently, OPD has a very low camera reserve. BWCs and vehicle plugs regularly break, partially due to the nature of their use. OPD officers must regularly plug in and charge the BWCs; the cameras and USB plugs regularly need maintenance due to this constant physical use. Physical contact which can damage BWCs regularly occurs because of the nature of police field work. Public events and protests in particular are events where BWC equipment can be damaged. OPD currently sends damaged BWCs to VIEVU (the manufacturer) via Adamson Police Products (the vendor). However, OPD's current maintenance contract is expired. OPD will not be able to continue to send damaged BWC equipment to Adamson anymore if the maintenance contract is not extended, as recommended in the March 4, 2016 report. Camera and equipment durability will be an important aspect of review of the bids that OPD receives in the upcoming RFP/Q process, as explained below.

Currently only officers in units primarily assigned to field work have BWCs, as OPD does not currently have enough BWCs to actually equip every single sworn officer. OPD will lack enough working cameras to equip all field officers within several months, if the City of Oakland does not enter into a new maintenance contract.

The March 4, 2016 report explained that, "OPD has begun the competitive bidding process and will be issuing an RFP/Q by July 1, 2016 to replace and modernize the entire fleet of BWCs and related software and equipment. This process will be concluded with a resulting BWC vendor in place no later than January 1, 2017." The Rules Committee requested more information about this timeline. Thus, OPD anticipates the tentative schedule of events leading to the new contract to be as follows:

Table 1: Estimated Timeline for The Competitive Bidding Process to Enter Into a New BWC Purchase Contract

Step	Estimated Date of Completion
Make final selection of Computer Assisted Dispatch (CAD) vendor in ongoing CAD replacement project ¹	April 2016
Internal analysis of BWC Program – state of current technology aspects	May 2016
Design the BWC Replacement RFP/Q Scope of Work	June 2016
Distribute the BWC Replacement RFP/Q	July 2016
Vendors Submit RFP/Q bids	August 2016
City evaluate bid proposals	September 2016
Interviews of vendor bidders	October 2016
Make vendor choice and begin contract negotiations	October 2016
Contract documentation distribution	November 2016
Award contract	December 2016

¹ OPD's new CAD system will feature BWC as well as IPAS2 system integration. Therefore, OPD needs to ensure that a future BWC replacement technology is well suited to integrate with the new CAD system.

ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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Respectfully submitted,



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