



AGENDA ITEM

AGENDA MATTER:

ALLOCATE MEASURE Q FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF BODY WORN CAMERAS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Staff is requesting authorization to allocate Measure Q funds collected in FY2018-19 to replace outdated and unserviceable Body Worn Cameras for the police officers. To date, \$952,558 in Measure Q taxes has been collected for April and May 2019. Measure Q taxes collected for FY2018-19 are currently unprogrammed and in the available fund balance.

DISCUSSION:

Currently the Barstow Police Department utilizes Axon Generation 1 body worn cameras. Staff has been notified that Axon Enterprise Incorporated is no longer making replacement parts for this camera system. So when a portion of an officer's body worn camera system breaks, that camera will no longer be able to get fixed because of the lack of replacement parts for the body worn camera system.

Axon Enterprise Incorporated is due to be releasing the new Axon Generation 3 body worn camera system in December 2019. This new body worn camera system will have improved features that our current cameras don't have. They are:

- *Improved Video Quality - Reduced motion blur and improved low light performance features
- *Improved Audio Features - Four (4) built in microphones
- *Gun Shot Detection and Alerts - Sends real-time alerts when a gun shot is detected
- *Find My Camera Feature - Cameras can be remotely located if they are lost
- *Powerful Connection Features - Will allow for streaming audio and video in real-time
- *Pre-event Buffer System - Supports up to a two (2) minute pre-event buffer

Transparency is vital for every law enforcement agency in building trust with their citizens. The Axon Generation 3 body worn camera system allows for this and also documents evidence for criminal investigations, internal or administrative investigations, and civil litigation.

A five (5) year strategic plan was developed by the Police Department for Measure Q. In the third year of the strategic plan, funding in the amount of \$55,500 was allocated to upgrade the Police Department's body worn camera system. Due to the manufacturer no longer making replacement parts for the Police Department's current body worn camera system, it is necessary for the Police Department to obtain new body worn cameras as soon as possible. This will ensure that all officers have a working camera at all times.

Based on the quote from Axon Enterprise Incorporated, purchase of the Axon Generation 3 body worn camera systems is \$64,759.91 (See attachment).

FISCAL IMPACT:



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\$64,759.91 charged to Measure Q - Police Uniform Division 102.130.321.08.XXX

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Staff recommends that the City Council take the following actions:

- 1) Authorize staff to allocate funding for the amount, not to exceed \$64,759.91 from year one (1) of Measure Q funds for the purchase of Axon Generation 3 body worn camera systems.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Richard Harpole, Council Member
SECONDER:	Timothy Silva, Council Member
AYES:	Harpole, Hernandez, Silva, Hackbarth-McIntyre
ABSENT:	Noble