Memo

To: Chief Scheckel & Clerk Treasurer Mis

From: Lt. Daymon Johnston

cc: Nancy Nadratowski

Date: 12/01/2020

Re: Selection of Body Worn Cameras

The Munster Police Department has been researching and compared various body worn camera systems recently and periodically over the past decade or so to determine what will be the best fit with our agency as well as identifying any potential future compatibility and integration issues moving forward. Early on we have been working with the Town of Munster Clerk's Office to develop a strategy to pay for this program. We have also confirmed through Axon and Impact Networking (Town IT) that the technology improvements and needs will be met. There will be zero impact to our technology services as everything is hosted and managed online by Axon and included in the program. The only involvement by our Town is ensuring we maintain the same connectivity to the internet as we currently have both on station and in the squad cars. It became very clear from reviewing these systems that there was only one clear choice in Axon (formerly known as Taser) for the full integration and implementation of an all-inclusive body worn camera program. The other systems that we looked at could not offer full integration of services and compatibility of systems. Our current in-car camera system (Panasonic) has not been able to fix all our issues pertaining to efficient viewing and downloading of evidence and has not followed through with having our system functioning with all available features. This system would also not be able to integrate with all our other systems causing us to have a piecemeal system that would require multiple software and hardware programs to gather and distribute items and it would need to be performed manually and thus increase chance of human error.

This new AXON program will integrate all the following into one complete system:

- body worn cameras
- in-car cameras

- automatic triggering of cameras via proximity and holster triggers
- automatic tagging of evidence in our report management system
- digital evidence management (automatic collection, storage, and redaction of digital evidence that will save thousands of hours of manual work)
- drones
- citizen digital evidence submission capability
- sharing of video for legal and freedom of information requests via online links (rather than expensive CDs or USBs)
- tasers (evidence and training)
- full installation
- cloud storage
- remote viewing and auditing of video for training and review not dependent on computer hardware issues

Axon is currently the biggest and most well-used fully integrated system in the market and offers replacement programs for the hardware (cameras, tasers, etc.) and will save us money by leveraging this technology assurance plan over the duration of the contract.

<u>Funding</u>

- Year 1 (2020)
  - Bonds 100% ($163,955) broken down into below bonds:
    - 2020 Bond ($130,000)
    - 2016 Bond ($33,955 PO#22595)
- Year 2 (2021)
  - Bonds 0% ($0)
  - Technology Fund 247 40% ($63,408)
  - Cumulative Capital Development Fund 402 40% ($63,408)
  - LIT-Public Safety Fund 249 20% ($31,704)
- Year 3 (2022)
  - Bonds 0% ($0)
  - Technology Fund 247 35% ($55,482)
  - Cumulative Capital Development Fund 402 35% ($55,482)
  - LIT-Public Safety Fund 249 30% ($47,556)
- Year 4 (2023)
  - Bonds 0% ($0)
  - Technology Fund 247 25% ($39,630)
  - Cumulative Capital Development Fund 402 25% ($39,630)
  - LIT-Public Safety Fund 249 50% ($79,260)
- Year 5 (2024)
  - Bonds 0% ($0)
  - Technology Fund 247 15% ($23,778)
  - Cumulative Capital Development Fund 402 15% ($23,778)
  - LIT-Public Safety Fund 249 70% ($110,964)
- Year 6 (2025)
  - Bonds 0% ($0)
  - Technology Fund 247 0% ($0)
  - Cumulative Capital Development Fund 402 0% ($0)

- LIT-Public Safety Fund 249 100% ($93,540)

Grand Total = $891,574

Lt. Daymon Johnston