



## CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

DATE: 12/26/2019

AGENDA OF: 1/14/2020

DEPARTMENT: Police

SUBJECT: Award Contract for Tasers and Associated Licenses and Accessories (PD)

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Motion to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract, in a form approved by the City Attorney, for the purchase of Tasers and associated licenses and accessories over a five year period from AXON Enterprise, Inc. (Scottsdale, AZ) in the amount of \$235,439.20.

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**BACKGROUND:** The Santa Cruz Police Department is committed to employing de-escalation tactics whenever possible. The Department of Justice states that the use of Tasers and other CEDs can reduce the statistical rate of injury to suspects and officers who might otherwise be involved in more direct, physical conflict. This statement is supported by research conducted by Wake Forest University School of Medicine, the Canadian Council of Academics, the National Institute of Justice, and the New York Police Department. This research, as well as Santa Cruz Police Taser use statistics and policy were presented at the December 2, 2019 Public Safety Sub-Committee of City Council.

Currently, all Santa Cruz Police Officers, Community Service Officers and Rangers are equipped with Tasers while on duty. However, due to the Department's growth and reorganization, currently multiple Taser Service Contracts are in place, and most equipment is reaching the end of useful life. To improve the efficient management, maintenance, and training on Tasers, the Department is seeking to engage in a five-year contract with AXON Enterprise, Inc.

**DISCUSSION:** Section 3.08.170 of the Municipal Ordinance allows the City to buy from cooperative purchasing agreements when is in the best interest of the City to do so.

The AXON Enterprise, Inc. cooperative agreement through Law Enforcement GPO resulted from a procurement process completed by Public Procurement Authority of Wilsonville Oregon, performing a publicly solicited contract established through a formal, competitive RFP process.

AXON Enterprise, Inc., has been providing Tasers and other related contracts and services to law enforcement agencies for over two decades.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** There are adequate funds in the Santa Cruz Police Department's FY 2020 operating budget for the first annual payment of this contract. This agreement will lock-in discounted prices through FY 2024.

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

Public Safety Sub-Committee Taser Contract Presentation December 2, 2019