

# City Council Regular Meeting

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**Meeting Date:** 06/21/2021  
**Recommended by:** Mark McCrory  
**Finance Director Review:** Angele Ozoemelam  
**City Attorney Review:** Brett Wallace  
**Approved by:** Larry Rains  
**Type of Action Requested:** Ordinance

**Prepared by:** Scott Sjerven, Police Commander  
**Date Submitted:** 05/24/2021

## **SUBJECT:**

The Casa Grande Police Department requests authorization to enter into contracts and issue purchase orders to implement a Body Worn Video Cameras and Evidence.com program with AXON for a total of \$\$639,999.65 over a 5-year period.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

The Casa Grande Police Department requests the Mayor and City Council adopt an Ordinance for the purchase of 95 AXON Body Worn Cameras, 97 licenses for Evidence.com, and associated equipment through AXON in the amount of \$639,999.65 in yearly installments as outlined below:

Payment Amount 95 BWC / 97 Licenses

Year 1 - Annual Payments 126,385.53

Year 2 - \$128,403.53

Year 3 - \$128,403.53

Year 4 - \$128,403.53

Year 5 128,403.53

Grand Total: 639,999.65

## **DISCUSSION:**

Body Worn Cameras increase officer safety, improve transparency, increase public trust, decrease litigation, aide in providing evidence for the prosecution of cases and reduce the number of false complaints against personnel.

The use of Evidence.com will increase the efficiency and time management of all department personnel. Evidence.com will be used to store digital evidence gathered from BWC, audio recordings, photos, CCTV videos, mobile phone videos, interview room videos, and in-car camera videos. This will also allow us to share evidence with City and County Prosecutors without using Casa Grande Police Department resources or personnel once the data is transferred into their account. Data can also be shared with other Law Enforcement Agencies using Evidence.com.

AXON provides a technology assurance plan by providing a 5-year warranty on all BWC and docking stations. Additionally, all 95 BWC and docking stations will be replaced at months 30 and 60 of the agreement. During the replacement period, if an advance BWC has been rolled out by AXON, we would receive the updated version at no additional cost.

The Police Department believes AXON's Evidence.com is a superior functional cloud-based service specifically designed for law enforcement as compared to other similar cloud-based law enforcement services. Please refer to the attached Sole Source Justification Form.

## **Council Focus Area: Quality of Life**

All the benefits of obtaining this system add to the overall quality of life for both employees and our community members, while marketing our department as a professional, progressive, and transparent organization.

## **FISCAL IMPACT:**

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## **ALTERNATIVES:**

Deny the request to purchase Body Worn Cameras and licenses for the use of Evidence.com.

Modify the request to purchase a lesser amount of BWC and Licenses that will not cover all department personnel.

Delay the BWC / Evidence.com program.