



CITY OF POMONA COUNCIL REPORT

May 5, 2025

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Anita D. Scott, City Manager

Submitted By: Michael Ellis, Chief of Police

SUBJECT: AWARD A FOUR-YEAR CONTRACT TO AXON ENTERPRISE, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF TASER 10 LESS LETHAL ELECTRONIC CONTROL DEVICES, ESTABLISH AXON ENTERPRISE, INC. AS THE SOLE SOURCE PROVIDER OF STANDARD POLICE EQUIPMENT AND AMEND THE FY 2024-25 EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT FUND BUDGET

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council take the following actions:

- 1) Adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-60 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT FUND BY APPROPRIATING \$250,000 FROM FUND RESERVES

- 2) Award a Four Year purchasing contract to Axon Enterprise, Inc. for the Taser 10 Less Lethal Electronic Control Device;
- 3) Approve the purchase of Taser 10 Less Lethal Electronic Control Device from Axon Enterprise, Inc. in four annual installments for an aggregate amount not exceeding \$786,892.60 (Attachment No. 1). The initial installment shall not exceed \$250,000. Each subsequent payment shall be disbursed annually in three separate payments not to exceed an amount of \$178,964.32;
- 4) Establish Axon Enterprise, Inc. as the sole source provider of standard Police equipment for Fiscal Year 2024-25; and

- 5) Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute any and all agreements on behalf of the City, subject to review and approval as to form by the City Attorney.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Action on these items will allow for a sole source purchase of the Taser 10 Less Lethal Electronic Control Device and support equipment for the Police Department. Taser 10 is the most current Less Lethal Electronic Control Device platform on the market for law enforcement. The new Taser 10 Electronic Control Device will replace the current Taser x26P platform, which is well beyond its intended service life and is currently used by the Pomona Police Department.

SB1439/GOVERNMENT CODE §84308 APPLICABILITY:

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The Purchase of the Taser 10 Less Lethal Electronic Control Device and supportive equipment will be paid using Equipment Replacement Fund reserves (434-2090-52402-00000), in the amount of \$250,000 for the initial FY-2024/2025 payment and \$178,964.32 annually for the following 3 years from the Police Departments General Fund Budget FY-2025/2026, FY-2026/2027, FY-2027/2028 (101-2010-52402-00000). Funding will cover training, hardware, initial set-up, and software subscriptions.

DISCUSSION:

The Less Lethal Electronic Control Device (Taser) or Conducted Energy Device (CED) is an invaluable tool utilized by police officers to control or subdue subjects when other options could expose both officers and citizens to injury and or death. The use of the electronic control device is regulated by State Law as well as Pomona Police Department policy Lexipol 303 – Conducted Energy Device, and Pomona Police Department Policy Lexipol 300 – Use of Force.

The Pomona Police Department currently deploys the Taser x26P, manufactured by Axon Enterprise, Inc. These Taser x26P's were purchased in 2012 with a recommended service life of five years. With advancements in technology and the difficulty and cost finding the parts needed to service and maintain the current platform, the Pomona Police Department is in dire need of replacing this equipment.

Axon Enterprise, Inc. is the only manufacturer of the Taser 10 Less Lethal Electronic Control Device. Therefore, pursuant to Pomona City Code Section 2-994 – Sole and Single Source Procurement; “A contract may be awarded as a sole or single source without competition upon review and verification, and determined to be in the City’s best interest. The Procurement Officer has reviewed and approves the sole source procurement as Axon is the sole provider of this equipment. Sole or single source requests over \$100,000 shall be reviewed and approved by the City Council.” Approval of a sole-source purchase to Axon Enterprise, Inc., in the amount not to exceed \$786,892.60 is necessary to equip the officers of the Pomona Police Department with the Less Lethal tools needed to minimize injuries while effecting arrests and to provide a tool that could help deescalate potential deadly force situations.

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ATTACHMENT(S):

Attachment No. 1 – Resolution No. 2025-60