



CITY OF POMONA COUNCIL REPORT

November 20, 2017

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Linda Lowry, City Manager

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Subject: **Adoption of a Resolution Amending the FY 2017-18 Police Department Operating Budget by Appropriating \$273,859 from General Fund Reserves and Approving the Sole Source Purchase of Body Worn Cameras from WatchGuard, Inc.**

OVERVIEW

Recommendation – That the City Council:

- 1) Adopt a resolution amending the FY 2017-18 Police Department operating budget by appropriating \$273,859 from General Fund reserves; and,
- 2) Approve the sole source purchase of Body Worn Cameras to WatchGuard, Inc.

Fiscal Impact – The requested funding will be appropriated to Supplies—Officers (101-2003-52431-00000) and the total purchase cost of the Body Worn Cameras shall not exceed \$273,859.

Previous Related Action – None.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Action on this item will amend to Police Department's FY 2017-18 Operating Budget by appropriating \$273,859 from General Fund reserves for the sole source purchase of (160) Body Worn Cameras for Police sworn personnel from WatchGuard, Inc.

DISCUSSION

Body Worn Camera (BWC) equipment is utilized by each level of law enforcement around the country. They have become an invaluable tool for law enforcement during regular, and even high risk, operations. They provide an unbiased viewpoint that can either confirm or refute allegations of misconduct or other questionable acts. To this end, the BWC equipment would provide the Police Department with another piece of equipment to assist in the execution of their duties.

In March 2017, realizing the importance of BWC equipment, the Police Department field tested the WatchGuard Body Worn Camera system on several Officers for a 90-day period on the overall reliability, durability and compatibility with existing Police systems. Working in tandem with the WatchGuard in-car Mobile Video System (MVS) via wireless interoperability capabilities, the two video systems provided continuous video from the Officer's point-of-view and from the police vehicle. Following this evaluation period, Police Department staff determined that the WatchGuard Body Worn Camera system would be the most reliable and compatible equipment available to purchase. Although many other BWC systems exist, they would not have the interoperability capacity similar to WatchGuard with existing Police systems and would require additional funding to link differing systems together, making the project less than cost effective.

Therefore, pursuant to Pomona City Code §2-970(1)(c)3, the *Exceptions* clause, it provides that: "Additional products or services are required to complete a budgeted project, and compatibility or uniformity with existing product or service is a requirement." The WatchGuard Body Worn Camera system is compatible with the in-car MVS as both systems are WatchGuard. Additionally, the video captured on the BWC system can be stored into the current file storage provided by WatchGuard's Evidence Library software, which provides a cost savings incentive by utilizing the same software and hardware storage systems.

Attachment 1: Resolution