

MINUTES
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING DECEMBER 4, 2023
CITY HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBERS 5 E. BUTLER ROAD
1st meeting

Committee Members: Carol King (Chair), Frank Allgood, and Jason Kraeling

Others present: Police Chief George Miller, Fire Chief Brian McHone, Administrative Judge/
Clerk of Court Donna DeRado, and City Administrator Seth Duncan.

1. Call to Order- Chairwoman King

2. Public Comment- None

3. Reading and Approval of Minutes

a. Public Safety Committee Meeting: November 6, 2023

Motion: Councilman Kraeling made a motion to approve the minutes with Councilman Allgood seconding.

Vote: The vote was unanimous (3-0).

4. Reports or Communications from City Officers

a. Fire Chief Brian McHone

Chief McHone reported the fiber at the new fire station has been installed. The department is waiting on one more thing and then can start moving into the new station. It should be operational in January.

b. Administrative Judge/ Clerk of Court Donna DeRado

Judge DeRado reported Jury Trials will be held beginning December 11th. The response to the debt setoff letters has been good.

c. Police Chief George Miller

Traffic Studies- Adams Mill Road and Forrester Woods Estates

Chief Miller reported after measurements and traffic studies, neither entity qualifies for the requested level 2 traffic calming measures which include speed humps and stop signs.

5. Unfinished Business- There is no unfinished business.

6. New Business

a. Axon Body Camera and Taser replacement

These will replace outdated equipment and allow the City to take advantage of 2023 pricing. The department is asking for a \$66,000 payment to Axon in February to get the

process started. The City will enter into a 5-year contract for \$1.1 million over the life of the contract.

Axon offers MPD the ability to do the following:

- Replace all body-worn cameras (with spares) (Axon Body 4 Cameras)
- Replace all duty tasers (TASER 10)
- 3 Virtual Reality (VR) HTC Focus 3 Headsets (training apparatus)
- Halt Suit (for training purposes)
- Software suite (Evidence.com)
- o Unlimited storage
- o Redaction Studio
- o Auto tagging license, transcription, etc.
- o Device analytics
- o Respond+ for GPS Location of Officers
- Warranties and Equipment Refresh
- o Technology Assurance Plan (5-year warranty), new cameras at 2.5 and 5 years
- o Inert cartridges for Muscle Memory training
- o Unlimited duty cartridge replenishments throughout contract

The purchase of hardware and software from Axon, as proposed, would be conducted over a five-year period. To take advantage of current pricing, Axon representatives have provided a cost breakdown with an initial mid-year payment and then five additional payments. The payment breakdown is as follows:

Feb 2024 (mid-year): \$65,969.93
July 2024 (FY2025): \$197,406.20
July 2025 (FY2026): \$229,542.22
July 2026 (FY2027): \$229,542.22
July 2027 (FY2028): \$229,542.22
July 2028 (FY2029): \$229,541.85

\$1,181,544.64

Staff believes that the mid-year payment can be made from unutilized ARPA funds from previously authorized purchases. Going forward, MPD will allocate the annual appropriation in its Contracts & Services budget.

Councilman Allgood asked if there was not to exceed clause in the contract. Mr. Duncan said this is a fixed price contract and there is no price increase noted. Chief Miller said the representative from Axon told him there was no other expenses and no price increases to the contract. This is a commitment.

City Administrator Duncan said this new equipment would allow all three technologies to talk to each other. Body cams, tasers, and the Watchguard system in the vehicles would all be able to communicate.

Chairwoman King said she is very excited about this new equipment and there are so many positives to this.

Motion: Councilman Allgood made a motion to send the contract to Council in a not to exceed amount of \$1,181,544.64 with Councilman Kraeling seconding.

Vote: The vote was unanimous (3-0).

7. Public Comment

Kristy Smith- 102 Sanderling Drive. She asked if traffic measures cannot be installed, does the City have any suggestions on what can be done to curb speeding in Forrester Woods Estates. Mr. Duncan will get in touch with her to offer some suggestions.

Tim Vance- 105 Sandpiper Lane. He said he was not surprised that traffic measures are not warranted for the neighborhood. Most of the speeders he sees are neighbors. There are lot of stop signs in the neighborhood currently that are being ignored. The problem is not an easy one.

8. Committee Concerns- None

9. Adjournment- Chairwoman King adjourned the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Miller
Municipal Clerk