

ORDINANCE NO. 19-015

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO PURCHASE FIFTY-SIX (56) AXON BODY CAMERAS, INCLUDING SOFTWARE, HARDWARE AND ACCESSORIES FROM AXON ENTERPRISE, INC. OF SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA, FOR THE SANDUSKY POLICE DEPARTMENT; AND DECLARING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE IMMEDIATE EFFECT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 14 OF THE CITY CHARTER.

WHEREAS, in 2015, the Sandusky Police Department purchased the first set of Body Worn Cameras (BWC) through the generous donation of The Randolph J. & Estelle M. Dorn Foundation and these cameras are exceeding their useful life expectancy; and

WHEREAS, the use of Body Worn Cameras (BWC) has become a critical tool in safe guarding the actions and rights of citizens and police officers throughout the Country and provide an impartial measurement for self-critique and field evaluation during officer training and enhance the public trust by preserving factual representations of officer-citizen interactions in the form of video and audio recordings; and

WHEREAS, the City issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) in September of 2018, to replace the Police Department's body worn cameras and management solution; and

WHEREAS, six (6) proposals were received, evaluated and ranked by a selection committee and the top three (3) ranked proposers provided demonstrations with a testing phase following and based upon the company's qualifications and management, the camera's durability, wear-ability, data transfer use, battery life, overall quality, and the cost, Axon Enterprise, Inc. was selected as the lowest and best proposer; and

WHEREAS, the total cost for the fifty-six (56) Axon body cameras, including software, hardware and accessories is \$155,973.00, which includes a discount of \$26,712.00, and will paid over a three (3) year period with \$62,373.00 to be paid in Year 1, \$46,800.00 to be paid in Year 2, and \$46,800.00 to be paid in the Year 3, and these costs will be paid with funds from the Police Department's operational budget, potential grant funding, and Capital Projects Funds; and

WHEREAS, this Ordinance should be passed as an emergency measure under suspension of the rules in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter in order to expedite the purchase and installation and allow the officers to begin using the new and improved cameras as quickly as possible; and

WHEREAS, in that it is deemed necessary in order to provide for the immediate preservation of the public peace, property, health, and safety of the City of Sandusky, Ohio, and its citizens, and to provide for the efficient daily operation of the Municipal Departments, including the Police Department, of the City of Sandusky, Ohio, the City Commission of the City of Sandusky, Ohio finds that an emergency exists regarding the aforesaid, and that it is advisable that this **Ordinance** be declared an emergency measure which will take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter upon its adoption; and NOW, THEREFORE,

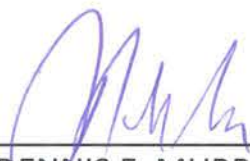
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SANDUSKY, OHIO, THAT:

Section 1. The City Manager is authorized and directed to purchase fifty-six (56) Axon body cameras, including software, hardware and accessories for the Police Department from Axon Enterprise, Inc. of Scottsdale, Arizona, at an amount **not to exceed** One Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Three and 00/100 Dollars (\$155,973.00) and is to be paid over a three (3) period with the amount of \$62,373.00 to be paid in Year 1, \$46,800.00 to be paid in Year 2, and \$46,800.00 to be paid in Year 3.

Section 2. If any section, phrase, sentence, or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

Section 3. This Commission finds and determines that all formal actions of this City Commission concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were taken in an open meeting of this City Commission and that all deliberations of this City Commission and of any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

Section 4. That for reasons set forth in the preamble hereto, this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure which shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter upon its passage, and its due authentication by the President, and the Clerk of the City Commission of the City of Sandusky, Ohio.



DENNIS E. MURRAY, JR.
PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COMMISSION

ATTEST:



KELLY L. KRESSER
CLERK OF THE CITY COMMISSION

Passed: January 28, 2019