

ORDINANCE NO. 21-089

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO PURCHASE FIFTEEN (15) AXON FLEET 3 IN-CAR AUDIO AND VIDEO SYSTEMS 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, the Sandusky Police Department purchased their first cruiser in-car systems in March of 2006 based on a recommendation from the Human Relations Commission; and

WHEREAS, a determination was made by the Police Chief and Information Technology Manager that there is a need to replace the fifteen (15) Cruiser Mobile Video Systems and related management systems that are currently being used by the Police Department as the equipment is nearing the end of its useful life; and

WHEREAS, the use of cruiser in-car systems has become a critical tool in safeguarding the actions and rights of citizens and police officers throughout the country and provides enhanced ability to document and review statements and actions for both internal reporting requirements and for courtroom preparation/presentation as well as used for training purposes, investigations, self-critique and field evaluation during training and enhances the public trust by preserving factual representations of officer-citizen interactions in the form of video and audio recordings; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department is currently using Axon Body Worn Cameras and Tasers and unanimously selected Axon's Fleet 3 in-car audio and video systems as the clear and best solution based upon the quality, capabilities, and compatibility with the existing equipment in order to achieve a single digital evidence management system and a single pane of glass to view incidents and cases while simultaneously sharing the information seamlessly on-line; and

WHEREAS, additional benefits of having a single vendor approach is the ability to sync and centrally activate all of the devices, from body worn cameras, to cruiser and additional accessories in which all interactions are time-stamped and synced across the digital evidence platform; and

WHEREAS, Axon Enterprise, Inc. is the sole source provider for the Axon Fleet 3 in-car audio and video systems; and

WHEREAS, the total cost of the fifteen (15) Axon in-car audio and video systems, software, hardware and accessories, and a five (5) year replacement, is \$152,100 which will be paid in five (5) annual installments of \$30,420.00 with \$10,920.00 to be paid with Capital Funds and \$19,500.00 to be paid with Enforcement and Education Funds in Year 1 and the annual payments for Year 2 through Year 5 will be paid with funds from the Police Department's operating budget; 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

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expedite the purchase and installation of the equipment and allow the officers to begin using the upgraded and enhanced in-car systems at the earliest opportunity; 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 fifteen (15) Axon Fleet 3 In-Car Audio and Video Systems, software, hardware and accessories, for the Sandusky Police Department from Axon Enterprise, Inc. of Scottsdale, Arizona, at an amount not to exceed Thirty Thousand Four Hundred Twenty and 00/100 Dollars (\$30,420.00) annually for five (5) years for a total **not to exceed** One Hundred Fifty Two Thousand One Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$152,100.00).

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.



RICHARD R. BRADY
PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COMMISSION



ATTEST:

MCKENZIE E. SPRIGGS
CLERK OF THE CITY COMMISSION

Passed: June 14, 2021