

CITY OF DALY CITY

SPECIAL MEETING – CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA

Wednesday, May 05, 2021 - 7:00 PM
City Hall Council Chambers – 2nd Floor
333 – 90th Street, Daly City, CA 94015

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CALL TO ORDER:

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:

ROLL CALL:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed on the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine and may be approved by one roll call vote of the City Council. There shall be no separate discussion of the matters on the Consent Agenda unless requested by a member of the City Council. If discussion is required, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately at the end of the Agenda.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. **Implementation of a Body Worn and Patrol Vehicle Camera Program for the Daly City Police Department**

AVAILABILITY OF PUBLIC RECORDS:

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PUBLIC APPEARANCES/ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

NOTE: Speakers are limited to two minutes, unless modified by the Mayor. The Council cannot take action on any matter raised under this item

APPOINTMENTS: Board/Commission Membership Committee Appointments

REPORTS:

2. Council Committee
3. City Council
4. Staff

ADJOURNMENT:



City Council Meeting Agenda Report

Item # _____

Meeting Date: May 5, 2021

Subject: Implementation of a Body Worn and Patrol Vehicle Camera Program for the Daly City Police Department

Recommended Action

Staff recommends City Council approve the implementation of a Body Worn Camera (BWC) and Patrol Vehicle Camera Program for the Daly City Police Department and authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement, in a form acceptable to the City Attorney, to purchase the body worn cameras through the purchasing cooperative Sourcewell.

Background

In May 2016 the San Mateo County Civil Grand Jury issued a report regarding the use of body worn cameras by law enforcement and recommended local agencies develop an appropriate implementation plan to be publicly presented by November 30, 2016 and implemented no later than October 31, 2017. In its response, the City agreed it would voluntarily implement body worn cameras when funding became available.*

In 2019, at the City Manager's recommendation and with the City Council's support, the City began exploring the feasibility of a ½ cent sales tax measure on the 2020 ballot to address the community's safety concerns, including body worn cameras.

Measure Q passed with tremendous support from our community. At the February 27, 2021 City Council Retreat, body worn cameras were identified as one of the top three priorities for the upcoming fiscal year budget. At the March 15, 2021 Measure Q Town Hall, staff recommended proceeding with the implementation of body worn cameras for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

At the April 26, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting, the City Council stated their intent to implement a body worn camera program immediately and directed staff to present program information for their review and consideration.

Discussion

Body worn and vehicle cameras are devices that record official interactions between the public and Police Department staff. The use of these cameras has proven useful in building relationships with the community by increasing transparency, and it reinforces accountability amongst officers and community members during official contacts. Cameras have been shown to reduce and resolve complaints and officer involved incidents and improve community interactions. Additionally, recorded content is widely relied upon as investigative evidence, improving successful prosecutions.

*While the City and the Police Department agreed that body worn cameras increase transparency, modify behaviors of both officers and citizens, and provide valuable evidence for court prosecution and administrative investigations, the prior administration recommended that the City Council not implement a program at that time due to financial constraints in the two-year budget cycle ending June 30, 2018.

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The Daly City Police Department is supportive of implementing a BWC and vehicle camera program, as it will enhance our operations and continue to foster a collaborative relationship with our community. We previously began researching this program, and we have collaborated with other agencies to support expedited acquisition and implementation. There are several aspects associated to acquisition, but presuming the use of a cooperative purchasing agreement in place of a formal request for proposals process, the department believes we could implement and deploy a camera program in the field within four to six months of approval of this request.

Upon authorization to proceed with the implementation of the BWC, the City proposes to engage in the procurement of the BWC with Axon Enterprises through Sourcewell, a cooperative purchasing resource. The California Government Code authorizes public agencies to participate in cooperative purchasing agreements, while still adhering to the City's Municipal Code and adopted rules and procedures for the procurement of goods and services. By utilizing a cooperative purchasing program, the City can streamline the process of procuring a vendor for the BWC and vehicle camera program and expedite program implementation.

The body worn cameras is a purchase eligible for procurement and installation through the Purchasing Cooperative Sourcewell, whose cooperative purchasing contracts have been competitively solicited so that government agencies can utilize their contracts which meet all state and federal public procurement requirements. Axon Enterprises, Inc. is a vendor that has an agreement with Sourcewell to provide their product at competitively bid public pricing. Contractors charge overhead and profit, approximately 20% mark up, for all items they purchase. By purchasing the body worn cameras from Axon Enterprises, Inc. through Sourcewell, the City can save approximately \$300,000.

Axon is a well-known company that has been providing technology to law enforcement agencies since 1993 and started providing body worn cameras in 2008 as society pushed for more transparency with police interactions. Today, they support most police departments and Sheriff's Offices within the US, including those agencies in San Mateo County.

If the purchase is awarded as recommended, installation to commence within the next two months to be completed by October of 2021.

Should a request for proposals process be required, it is estimated there would be an additional four to six months added to the acquisition and implementation process.

Fiscal Impact

Costs of the BWC and Vehicle Fleet Camera program with Axon Enterprises through Sourcewell will not exceed \$1,350,000 over 5 years. Both the community and Council have demonstrated support for this program by approving Measure Q, which is dedicated towards emergency services and enhancements.

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Summary/Conclusion

Staff recommends City Council approve the implementation of a Body Worn Camera (BWC) and Patrol Vehicle Camera Program for the Daly City Police Department and authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement, in a form acceptable to the City Attorney, to purchase the body worn cameras from Axon Enterprises, Inc. through the purchasing cooperative Sourcewell.

Staff is available to provide any additional information desired by the Mayor or Councilmembers.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Patrick Hensley".

Patrick Hensley
Chief of Police