



STAFF REPORT

AGENDA ITEM #: 23-106 & 23-111
COUNCIL MTG OF: September 19, 2023
FROM: Dave Caron, Town Administrator
OFFERED BY: Mark A. Fleischer, Chief Financial Officer
PREPARED BY: Mark A. Fleischer, Chief Financial Officer
SUBJECT: Lease/Purchase of Tasers for Police Department

INTRODUCTION: Consider a 0%, 5-year lease, to purchase Tasers from Axon Enterprises Inc. and supplemental appropriations.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS

The Council is encouraged to approve Resolution 2023-070 which provides a more cost-effective funding strategy as well as Resolution 2023-069 for the related supplemental appropriations.

BACKGROUND

The FY24 CIP included purchasing (64) replacement Tasers for the Police Department in the amount of \$278,315.00. During efforts to facilitate that purchase, pricing options were sought from Axon, the company that manufactures and markets the Tasers. Axon is offering a 0% 5-year lease purchase agreement which will conserve cash flow of the Police capital reserve fund vs an outright purchase.

DISCUSSION

The 5-year option for the (64) Tasers provides a first-year payment of \$43,920.73 and (4) payments of \$56,076.61 totaling \$268,227.20. An outright purchase would cost the same. Training and additional duty cartridges are included in the cost.

Even though this purchase was included in the FY24 CIP, we are seeking a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$278,277.20 as due to a technical issue, this purchase was not included in the FY24 Munis budget in Capital Activity Center 35. Lease revenues will increase by \$268,227.20 and Sale of Town Property revenue will increase by \$10,000 due to a trade-in allowance offered by Axon for the outdated Tasers.

Additionally, a supplemental appropriation in OMO is needed in the amount of \$43,920.73 which represents the first lease payment due in January 2024. A transfer from the Police capital reserve fund will cover this expenditure. This purchase has been planned in the Police Department's Capital Improvements Program and as such, does not negatively impact cash flow projects from the CIP.

FISCAL IMPACT

Annual lease payments associated with this program will be a legal obligation of the Town and will be made via transfers from the Police Capital Reserve Funds or other resources as budgeted.

RECOMMENDED ACTION & MOTION BY COUNCIL

Recommendation to the Town Council to adopt the resolution(s) as presented. (Please read motion #2023-069 and 2023-070).

Vote Required: Simple majority of Councilor's present for the lease (Resolution #2023-070) and 2/3 majority for the supplemental appropriation (Resolution 2023-069), both at the October 3, 2023 Council Meeting.



RESOLUTION Number 2023-069

To Approve a Supplemental Appropriation to Purchase Police Department Tasers

WHEREAS, the Town Charter established the Town Council as the appropriating authority of the Town and as such it is empowered by Section 9.6 of the Charter to make supplemental appropriations after the annual budget is adopted; and

WHEREAS, The Town Council pursuant to Resolution 2023-028 approved the FY2024-FY2028 Capital Improvement Plan which included the purchase of Tasers for the Police Department during FY2024,

WHEREAS, a favorable Lease/Purchase plan has been negotiated with the manufacturer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED IN COUNCIL that the sum of Two Hundred Seventy-Eight Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-Seven Dollars and Twenty Cents (**\$278,227.20**) is hereby raised to complete the purchase of Tasers for the Police Department and authorize funding of this appropriation via a lease/purchase agreement (\$268,227.20) and a Trade in allowance (\$10,000.00).

FURTHERMORE, the sum of Forty-Three Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty Dollars and Seventy-Three Cents (**\$43,920.73**) is hereby raised and allocated to the first lease payment due in January, 2024.

FINALLY, as Agent to Expend, the Council authorizes the transfer of Forty-Three Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty Dollars and Seventy-Three Cents (**\$43,920.73**) from the Police Department Capital Reserve Fund for the lease payment.

This resolution has been adopted by a two-thirds majority of the entire Council as required by Charter and shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

Adopted: October 3, 2023

Attest:

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Charles Foote, Council Chair

Date: _____

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Cristina Guilford, Town Clerk

Date: _____