

TEMPORARY RESOLUTION NO. 153-22

PERMANENT RESOLUTION NO. 143-22

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO DISPENSE WITH COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR SOLE SOURCE PROVIDER AXON FOR TASERS, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF A THEN AND NOW CERTIFICATE, AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, AXON, formerly Taser International, holds the patent on conductive energy weapons, also known as Tasers, in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Lancaster Police Department (LPD) currently has 66 sworn officers and a contract for 17 Tasers provided by AXON that is in need of renewal; and

WHEREAS, due to the age of LPD's AXON Tasers and the inherent risks in swapping less-lethal equipment from officer to officer each shift, the renewal proposal provides an AXON Taser to each officer as well as all necessary support services and warranties; and

WHEREAS, the appropriation for this purchase agreement is included in the proposed 2023 budget for LPD; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 portion is the first of a five (5) year purchase agreement, which upon completion, will have updated all necessary equipment to allow for compliance with best practices; and

WHEREAS, the five (5) year contract shall be paid as follows, One Hundred Fifty-Two Thousand Dollars (\$152,000.00) a year starting in 2023 through 2027 paid out of 1001.3260.52013 (Data Processing); and

WHEREAS, a Then and Now Certificate is requested in case a purchase order cannot be opened before Axon begins billing LPD for this equipment in early 2023;

BE IT RESOLVED BY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, STATE OF OHIO

SECTION 1. That the Service-Safety Director is hereby authorized to dispense with competitive bidding due to Axon being the sole source from which Tasers may be purchased and contract with AXON for the purchase of AXON Tasers.

SECTION 2. That City Council hereby authorizes the issuance of a Then and Now Certificate to make payment of this purchase.

SECTION 3. This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure, necessary for the preservation of public peace, health, welfare, and safety. The reason for the emergency is to ensure the availability of new less lethal conductive energy weapons for the Lancaster Police Department.

Passed: 11/28/22 after 1st reading. Vote: Yeas 9 Nays 0

Date Approved: 11/28/22

Clerk: Teresa Lee Sandy

Offered by: Don G. McDaniel

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Requested by Finance Committee

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