



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

City of Greenville, South Carolina

Agenda Item No.

15a

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council
FROM: John F. McDonough, City Manager

Ordinance/First Reading Ordinance/Second & Final Reading Resolution/First & Final Reading Information Only

AGENDA DATE REQUESTED: February 22, 2021

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION CAPTION:

ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE \$60,000 FROM THE LAW ENFORCEMENT SPECIAL REVENUE FUND, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ACCOUNT, FOR THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT TO FURTHER SUPPORT THE BODY WORN CAMERA PROGRAM

SUMMARY BACKGROUND:

The Greenville Police Department (the "GPD"), along with the recommendation of the Citizens Advisory Committee on Public Safety, have identified the need to implement further safeguards in activating police officer body worn cameras (BWC), particularly when a firearm is removed from its holster.

Greenville police officers at times find themselves in situations where the use of or the show of force using a firearm is necessary and reasonable. Research has revealed that AXON Enterprise, Inc. (the company that GPD currently uses for its BWC program) has Signal Sidearm technology that would satisfy this recommendation from the committee and AXON would be capable of outfitting GPD's officers as an enhancement to its current BWC program. The installation of the Signal Sidearm on each officer's holster would activate the BWC of any officer within 25 feet of the officer removing their firearm from its holster. This capability would ensure these types of events are captured on BWC that could be used to either justify the officers' actions and conduct or validate possible complaints stemming from use/show of force situations.

The GPD has recognized that the \$60,000 is available in the Law Enforcement Special Revenue Fund, DOJ account. By utilizing this funding source, the City's general fund would not be affected.

IMPACT IF DENIED:

We would be voluntarily limiting the GPD from technology that emphasizes accountability surrounding GPD's officers' actions during use of force and/or show of force situations.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact to the City's general fund.

REQUIRED SIGNATURES

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WHEREAS, the Greenville Police Department (the “GPD”) has identified the need to implement the use of Signal Sidearm technology to further its safeguards concerning activation of body worn cameras; and

WHEREAS, the Citizens Advisory Committee on Public Safety has recommended the acquisition of technology, such as Signal Sidearm, because it creates more accountability and transparency by the GPD associated with situations where firearms are removed from their holsters; and

WHEREAS, funds will be used to purchase and expand the current GPD AXON Enterprises, Inc. contract to include Signal Sidearm technology; and

WHEREAS, the GPD recognized that \$60,000 is available in the Law Enforcement Special Revenue Fund, Department of Justice account, and that by utilizing this funding source, the City’s general fund will not be affected;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA, the amount of \$60,000 is appropriated from the Law Enforcement Special Revenue Fund for the purpose of funding the purchase of the AXON Signal Sidearm technology enhancement as reflected in the attached Exhibit. This Ordinance shall become effective upon passage on the second and final reading.

DONE, RATIFIED AND PASSED THIS THE _____ DAY OF _____, 2021.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

CITY ATTORNEY

REVIEWED:

CITY MANAGER

**EXHIBIT
BUDGET AMENDMENT**

BUDGET	Law Enforcement Fund	REQUESTED BY	
FISCAL YEAR	2020-21	DATE	
<u>INCREASE</u>		<u>DECREASE</u>	
<u>Description</u>		<u>Description</u>	
Law Enforcement Fund			
Fund Balance Appropriated (Revenue)	60,000		
Equipment (Expenditures)	60,000		
Explanation:	To appropriate \$60,000 from the Law Enforcement Special Revenue Fund Department of Justice Account for the purchase of equipment to further support the body worn camera program (signal sidearm).		
DATE		APPROVED BY	City Council/City Manager Camilla Pitman/City Clerk
FOR OMB POSTING PURPOSES ONLY			
<u>Budget Adjustments</u>		Increase (Decrease) Amount	<u>Journal Entry</u>
<u>Project Code</u>	<u>Account</u>		<u>Project Code</u> <u>Account</u> <u>Amount</u>
LEXXX	127-0000-390-10-01	60,000	LEXXX 127-0000-390-10-01 DR 60,000
LEXXX	127-4014-422-63-03	60,000	LEXXX 127-0000-390-10-01 CR 60,000
Total		120,000	Total -
Prepared By			
Posted By			
Date			Number