

## Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Linda Gorton Mayor Kenneth Armstrong Commissioner

TO: Mayor Linda Gorton

Urban County Council

Faurence B. Weathers

FROM: Chief Lawrence B. Weathers

Lexington Police Department

CC: Commissioner Kenneth Armstrong

Department of Public Safety

DATE: **February 17, 2021** 

SUBJECT: AXON Sole Source Certification

Body Worn Cameras

## Request

Authorization to establish AXON Enterprises as a Sole Source Vendor for Body Worn Cameras, licensing fees and accessories.

## Why are you requesting?

As part of our initial purchase of Body Worn Cameras and accessories, we purchased cameras for 400 officers. This purchase was made with a five-year contract that included an annual maintenance payment of \$445,250. This purchase was authorized by Council and signed by the Mayor under Resolution 270-2016. In 2017 we made a sole source purchase of additional cameras for 124 officers to match our authorized strength in primary enforcement positions and deploy cameras to officers in additional units. I am requesting approval of a sole source contract with Axon Enterprises to purchase the additional cameras and pay licensing fees for the storage of body worn cameras for the duration of the contract. The five-year contract ends this calendar year and we will negotiate a new contract that includes all of the cameras.

What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years? Funds for the purchase of body worn cameras are budgeted.

Are the funds budgeted? Yes

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Director/Commissioner: Lawrence B. Weathers, Chief

Lexington Police Department

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