

30TH BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES CITY OF STAMFORD

President
MATTHEW QUINONES

Clerk of the Board
SUSAN NABEL

Majority Leader
RODNEY PRATT

Minority Leader
MARY L. FEDELI

MINUTES

President Quinones called the meeting to order at 8:02 p.m.

President Quinones read the call of the meeting: "I, David R. Martin, Mayor of the City of Stamford, Connecticut, and pursuant to Section C2-10-4 of the Stamford Charter, hereby call a Special Meeting of the 30th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, at the following time and place:

Tuesday, December 19, 2017

8:00 p.m.
Legislative Chambers, 4th Floor
Government Center
888 Washington Boulevard
Stamford, CT 06904-2152

To consider and act upon the following:

1. [PS30.002](#) APPROVAL; of a Master Services and Purchasing Agreement with Axon Enterprise, Inc. for the purchase, delivery, use and support of Axon Products and services as detailed in the Quote Appendix in the agreement
12/11/17 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
12/14/17 – Approved by Board of Finance
2. [F30.023](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget);
\$338,000.00 – Police Body-Worn Cameras; Appropriation from Contingency to fund City's 50/50 Share of "Police Body Worn Camera" Project.
12/05/17 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
12/14/17 – Approved by Board of Finance
[12/18/17 – Approved by Committee 7-0-2](#)

AGENDA

INVOCATION: Led by Rep. Di Costanzo

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG: Led by President Matthew Quinones

ROLL CALL: Conducted by Clerk of the Board Susan Nabel. There were 33 members present and 7 members absent. (Reps. Cottrell, de la Cruz, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Giordano,

Graziosi, Jacobson, Kolenberg, Lee, Liebson, Lion, Lutz, Matherne, McGarry, McMullen, Michelson, Miller, Moore, Morson, Nabel, Patterson, Pendell, Pia, Pratt, Quinones, Roqueta, Saftic, Sherwood, Stella, Summerville, Wallace and Zelinsky were present; Reps. Adams, Aquila, Coleman, DeLuca, DePina, Mahoney and Watkins were absent or excused). [See Vote Record 2041](#). Also present were Ted Jankowski, Director Public Safety Health & Welfare; Lieutenant Thomas Scanlon, SPD; Andrew Karn, Axon, Inc.; and Chris Dellaselva, Law Department.

PRESENTATIONS: Ted Jankowski, Director, Office of Public Safety, Health & Welfare and designees

Monica Di Costanzo, Chair, Fiscal Committee

[PS30.002](#)

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APPROVED 30-0-3

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12/14/17 – Approved by Board of Finance

Mr. Jankowski, Lieutenant Scanlon, Mr. Karn, and Mr. Dellaselva discussed this item with the Board members, as follows:

- The City received a \$338,000 grant in 2015 from the Department of Justice with a City match for body cameras.
- Under the terms of the grant, the City had to develop policies and procedures were developed with input from the community and the union. The Union had concerns which were addressed with the Legal Department.
- In addition, before starting the pilot program, the Police Department reached out to other communities regarding policies and vendors.
- A pilot program was then run with 3 vendors and Axon was selected by 23 of the 31 officers as their first choice and was the second choice of the remaining officers. The pilot started with 36 officers, but some had to drop out.
- If the City moves forward with this before 12/31, it will save \$350,000 under this quote. This discount is the product of negotiation. There might be a smaller discount if it is approved next year.
- The project includes unlimited storage for the 167 officers who will wear the cameras at all times & 7 Tbytes of storage for those cameras not used by the officers who will only wear them as needed.
- The camera equipment will be updated every 2 ½ years
- 80% of the users in the field and 85% of users in large departments are using this camera.
- Factors evaluated in selecting Axon included comfort, size, weight, durability, battery life, video quality, ease of use and back-end software user-friendliness.
- The cost is \$894,000 over five years, which includes a person to shepherd the program through, including redaction of videos. That person's salary will be \$60,000. For a cost of \$89,000 including benefits. There are also overtime costs to train officers.
- This is a self-contained unit with a battery life of approximately 12 hours. Officers will then leave them docked to charge and upload at the end of a shift
- There are no known safety issues; the cameras meet or exceed federal guidelines
- Under State policy, officers must record if they are conducting an investigation or responding to a call; not every encounter with the public needs to be recorded
- Cameras will be replaced ever 2½ years and firmware will be updated quarterly; battery replacement is included in the contract

- The quality of the video and audio has been good.
- The video will be accessible either as evidence under State law or through a FOIA request
- The City will be hiring someone responsible for managing the video, including any necessary redaction
- There will be unlimited storage for officers on patrol which will be cloud-based.
- Any disregard for the policies and procedures will be handled by the chiefs, either through retraining or discipline, as appropriate
- Real time uploading was not available from any vendor
- There are no dashboard cameras
- There are a few options to attach the camera to a uniform; in the pilot, the cameras were secure
- The grant and match will cover the first 3 years of the contract.
- There is no legal requirement to tell civilians they are being taped, but it is often helpful to do so
- If a camera is hindering an investigation, an office can seek permission from a supervisor to turn it off
- The competitive bid process was done under Code §23-18.5, which permits piggybacking onto a proposal obtained by a cooperative
- It would present privacy issues to have the cameras on 24/7. This is consistent with how cameras are used everywhere else – only for bona fide law enforcement purposes
- There will be extra cameras available for detectives to use when they are out in the field
- The storage for routine calls is 90 days, but that may be increased, and 4 years for arrests and criminal proceedings
- Axon has a security team 24/7 to identify and prevent vulnerabilities
- The cost of the technician will be \$60,000 per year, plus benefits, for a total of approximately \$85,000 per year (products other than Axon would have required 2 technicians)
- The cost of the training for the police officers is approximately \$80,000 in overtime
- There were no concerns raised by the pilot program
- The Police Department is hoping to have this program up and running by April 1st.
- The City will own the cameras and the data. There is a provision in the contract for the migrate the data to a new vendor after the termination of the contract
- The camera is designed to “see” and “hear” what an officer might reasonably see and hear
- The officers in the pilot program were not volunteers; it was an entire squad
- The cameras do not contain a GPS system; this might raise privacy concerns
- Data can be retrieved from a damaged camera (have retrieved from cameras that have been shot and that have been driven over
- Cameras are water resistant
- The camera will be replaced every 2½ years, including during the final year of the contract.

A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a machine vote of 30-0-3 (Reps. Cottrell, de la Cruz, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, , Giordano, Graziosi, Jacobson, Kolenberg, Lee, Liebson, Lion, Lutz, Matherne, Michelson, Miller, Moore, Morson, Nabel, Patterson, Pendell, Pia, Pratt, Quinones, Roqueta, Saftic, Sherwood, Stella, Summerville, Wallace and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Figueroa, McGarry and McMullen abstaining). [See Vote Record 2042](#)

FISCAL COMMITTEE:*Attendance & Votes**Minutes & Video***Monica Di Costanzo, Chair****Anzelmo Graziosi, Vice Chair**

Meeting: Monday, December 18, 2017

7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Di Costanzo reported that the Fiscal Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Di Costanzo, Vice Chair Graziosi, and Committee Member Reps. Fedeli, Figueroa, McMullen, Miller, Morson, Pendell and Pia. Absent or excused were Reps. Coleman and Nabel. Also present were Rep. Zelinsky; Jay Fountain, OPM Director; Ellen Bromley, Affordable Housing Manager/Social Services Director; Michael Stake, Mill River Park Collaborative; Kevin Murray, Parks & Facilities Manager; Michael Scacco, Fleet Maintenance; Anthony Romano, OPM; Captain Tom Wuennemann, SPD; Andrew Karn, Axon, Inc.; Karen Cammarota, Grants Officer; Ted Jankowski, Director Public Safety Health & Welfare; William Brink and Prakash Chakravarti, WPCA.

6. [F30.023](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); **APPROVED 31-0-2**
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12/05/17 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
12/14/17 – Approved by Board of Finance
12/18/17 – Approved by Committee 7-0-2

A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a machine vote of 31-0-2 (Reps. Cottrell, de la Cruz, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Giordano, Graziosi, Jacobson, Kolenberg, Lee, Liebson, Lion, Lutz, Matherne, McGarry, Michelson, Miller, Moore, Morson, Nabel, Patterson, Pendell, Pia, Pratt, Quinones, Roqueta, Saftic, Sherwood, Stella, Summerville, Wallace and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Figueroa and McMullen abstaining). [See Vote Record 2043.](#)

ADJOURNMENT

President Quinones adjourned the meeting at 9:56 p.m.

This meeting is on [video](#).