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To: Board of Finance
From: Chief Timothy Shaw
Re: AXON Contract

As you may recall, the Stamford Police Department contracts with Axon for body-worn cameras (BWC), dash-mounted cameras, interview room cameras, and all the associated file management services for all three. These services provided by Axon are state-mandated. Complying with those mandates through a different provider may be challenging given Axon's domination of this particular industry and their business model that conveniently provides access to digital evidence collected through all of their systems in a manner that meets evidentiary, privacy and FOI requirements. Axon is also the provider of the Department's Tasers, which are currently an older model being phased out and in need of being upgraded.

All of these services are provided under various contracts with expiration dates in three, four and five years. Axon has advised the Department that the renewals for BWC and for the dash cameras in FY 27 and FY 28 will result in a \$300,000 per year cost increase based on their current pricing.

Axon has offered to consolidate the contracts, maintaining our current pricing through FY 28 (5 years.) They have also included the Tasers in this proposal. Up through now we have purchased tasers outright on a replacement cycle and Axon has proposed a subscription model that would entail upgrades to the department's equipment. They have also offered a ten-year version of this proposal.

We would appreciate any recommendation from the Board on this matter and would welcome an opportunity to discuss the best path forward for the City on this question. We have included with this transmittal a summary of the proposal from Axon and a financial summary for your evaluation.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy Shaw

Chief of Police