



Valdosta City Council

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Consideration of a request to enter into a Lease-to-Own Program for the purchase of new Conducted Electrical Weapons for the City of Valdosta Police Department.

BUDGET IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE: FY25 Budget

HISTORY: Police Departments use Conducted Electrical Weapons (CEW), a less lethal weapon, to gain control of situations safely and effectively. A CEW is designed to disrupt the target individual's central nervous system by deploying battery-powered electrical energy sufficient to cause neuromuscular incapacitation or muscle control, which prevents a subject from advancing or achieving his unlawful goal.

FACTS AND ISSUES: The CEWs currently used by the Valdosta Police Department are Taser X26P's, which are over 15 years old. These CEWs are no longer under warranty and are becoming obsolete, as well as being costly to upkeep.

Axon Enterprises, Inc., has recently released the Taser 10. The Taser 10 allows for more distance between the Officer and the target creating more time and space for de-escalation and resolution. It also allows for up to ten (10) individually target probes without the Officer having to reload any cartridges. With advancements over the years, the Taser 10 is more accurate, effective, and reliable. The Taser 10 also provides virtual reality training, which prevents Departments from an added expense of purchasing cartridges for training.

The Valdosta Police Department has received a quote and contract from Axon Enterprises, Inc., a sole source provider, for a