

**CITY OF CHARLOTTE, COUNTY OF EATON, STATE OF MICHIGAN**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-030**

**A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE A CONTRACT WITH AXON FOR TASERS**

**WHEREAS**, tasers used by officers are essential pieces of equipment; and

**WHEREAS**, the current department tasers are out of manufacturer's warranty and should be replaced;  
and

**WHEREAS**, the Police Department staff researched and identified that AXON provides the only viable option for tasers; and

**WHEREAS**, AXON, the manufacturer of tasers, has submitted a quote to replace the current tasers for a 5-year cost of \$55,200; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 2-178 of the City Ordinances allows for the waiver of sealed bids.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council authorizes the purchase of 16 tasers from AXON in the amount of \$55,200 and agrees to waive the sealed bid process.

The foregoing resolution offered by Council member \_\_\_\_\_ and supported by \_\_\_\_\_.

Upon roll call vote, the following voted:

Aye:

Nay:

Absent:

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the City of Charlotte, County of Eaton, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the City of Charlotte at a regularly scheduled meeting held on Monday, April 19, 2021, relevant to the Michigan Open Meetings Act, the original of which is on file in my office as part of council minutes.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my official signature this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April 2021.

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Pearl Tidwell, City Clerk / Treasurer  
City of Charlotte

**Charlotte Police  
Department**

# Memo

**To:** Mayor Armitage, City Council Members  
**From:** Chief Brentar  
**Date:** March 10th, 2020  
**Re:** Tasers

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I am requesting that funding be approved for new tasers through AXON.

**Background:**

In September of 2014 the department purchased 16 tasers for all officers. AXON warranties their product for a period of 5 years as this is the recommended shelf life. After this time period, AXON recommends that these tasers be replaced. Therefore, our current tasers are out of warranty and should have been replaced in the fall of 2019. Currently we are down to 14 working tasers as two of them have failed and can not be fixed under warranty.

Going with AXON now for tasers is my recommendation for the following reasons:

1. We currently have to pay additional costs for cartridge replacement for training and field use. With the current quote those costs are figured in and we will be sent replacement and training cartridges on the recommended replacement schedule.
2. We also pay for holsters for our current model. This cost is also included into the cost of the new models.
3. Failing to replace this aging equipment now sacrifices officer and public safety.

**AXON Quote:**

The quote from AXON to replace our tasers includes all of the necessary equipment needed for a period of 5 years. The total cost is \$55,200. AXON offers the same type of payment plan that we currently have for body, in-car, and the interview room cameras. The cost can be divided out

to \$11,040 per year for five years or any more can be paid up front with less the following year(s). Currently, there is \$54,000 left in Capital Outlay-Equipment, 101-300.000-864.000, that could cover the majority of the cost of this much needed equipment for the first year with less costs in subsequent years.

If you have any other questions please let me know.