

TEMPORARY RESOLUTION NO. 13-23

PERMANENT RESOLUTION NO. 1-23

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO DISPENSE WITH COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH AXON FOR THE LANCASTER POLICE DEPARTMENT INTERVIEW ROOM RECORDING SYSTEM, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF A THEN AND NOW CERTIFICATE, AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, in early December 2022, it was discovered that the Lancaster Police Department's detective bureau interview room recording equipment was no longer functional; and

WHEREAS, as this system is essential for day-to-day law enforcement operations, the Police Department immediately searched for vendors, conducted a cost analysis, and ultimately chose AXON recording equipment, which is available through Sourcewell, a joint cooperative purchasing program which is a statutory exception to competitive bidding; and

WHEREAS, due to the timing of the failure of the equipment, LPD was able to add the additional cost of the interview room recording system to their 2023 budget, in the line item for Data Processing 1001.3260.52013; and

WHEREAS, AXON agreed to allow LPD to sign for the interview room recording equipment purchase in January 2023, the year it was budgeted, and is offering a generous discount on that system due to previously approved Permanent Resolution 143-22 which authorized the purchase of tasers, body cameras, and storage from AXON; and

WHEREAS, this resolution is necessary to finalize this purchase prior to the offer's expiration date of January 13, 2023, which will require a Then and Now Certificate from City Council; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, STATE OF OHIO,

SECTION 1. That the Service-Safety Director is hereby authorized to dispense with competitive bidding and enter into a contract with AXON for the purchase of AXON interview room recording equipment, which is available through the joint cooperative purchasing program Sourcewell which was previously authorized by Lancaster City Council.

SECTION 2. That City Council hereby authorizes the issuance of a Then and Now Certificate to make payment for this purchase.

SECTION 3. This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure, necessary for the preservation of public peace, health, welfare, and safety. The reason for the emergency is that this equipment is essential for LPD's detective bureau to use in day-to-day law enforcement operations.

Passed: 1/9/23 after 1st reading. Vote: Yeas 7 Nays 0

Date Approved: 1/9/23

Clerk: Jerome Lee Sandy

Offered by: _____

Second by: _____

Requested by Finance Committee

Don M. Paul
President of Council
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