

ORDINANCE NO. 23-064

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A FIVE (5) YEAR AGREEMENT WITH AXON ENTERPRISE, INC. OF SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA, FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF REPLACEMENT AUDIO AND VIDEO RECORDING SYSTEMS FOR TWO (2) INTERVIEW ROOMS AT THE JUSTICE CENTER FOR THE SANDUSKY POLICE DEPARTMENT; AND DECLARING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE IMMEDIATE EFFECT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 14 OF THE CITY CHARTER.

WHEREAS, the City's Police Officers and Detectives use audio and video recording systems for conducting interviews and documenting the interaction between Police Officers and citizens as well as preserving visual and audio information for current and future investigations and these systems have been a critical tool in safeguarding the actions and rights of citizens and Police Officers throughout the country and enhances the public trust by preserving factual representations of officer-citizen interactions in the form of video and audio recordings; and

WHEREAS, a determination was made by the Police Chief and Information Technology Manager that there is a need to replace the audio and video recording systems and related accessories at the Police Department as the current equipment is nearing the end of its useful life and the interview rooms are being relocated as part of the renovation for the Justice Center; and

WHEREAS, Axon is the current vendor for the Police Department's Body Worn Cameras, cruiser audio and video recording, and Tasers and is the preferred selection for the interview room recording system in order to have a single digital evidence management system and a single pane of glass to view incidents and cases, while sharing information seamlessly online and an additional benefits is all of the Police Department's devices can be synchronized and centrally activated; and

WHEREAS, Axon Enterprise, Inc. is the sole source provider for the Axon audio and video recording systems and was unanimously selected as the best solution based upon the qualify, capabilities, and compatibility with existing equipment; and

WHEREAS, the total cost for the recording system, software, hardware and accessories is \$59,434.26 and will be paid with funds from the Police Department's operating budget over a five-year period at a cost of \$10,973.18 to be paid in CY 2023, \$11,412.10 to be paid in CY 2024, \$11,868.59 to be paid in CY 2025, \$12,343.33 to be paid in CY 2026 and \$12,837.06 to be paid in CY 2027; and

WHEREAS, this Ordinance should be passed as an emergency measure under suspension of the rules in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter in order to expedite the purchase so the installation can occur in accordance with the renovations at the Justice Center; and

WHEREAS, in that it is deemed necessary in order to provide for the immediate preservation of the public peace, property, health, and safety of the City of Sandusky, Ohio, and its citizens, and to provide for the efficient daily operation of the Municipal Departments, including the Police Department, of the City of Sandusky, Ohio, the City Commission of the City of Sandusky, Ohio finds that an

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emergency exists regarding the aforesaid, and that it is advisable that this **Ordinance** be declared an emergency measure which will take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter upon its adoption; and NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SANDUSKY, OHIO, THAT:

Section 1. The City Manager is authorized and directed to enter into a five (5) year agreement with Axon Enterprise, Inc. of Scottsdale, Arizona, for the purchase and installation of audio and video recording systems for two (2) interview rooms at the Justice Center for the Sandusky Police Department, at a cost of \$10,973.18 to be paid in CY 2023, \$11,412.10 to be paid in CY 2024, \$11,868.59 to be paid in CY 2025, \$12,343.33 to be paid in CY 2026 and \$12,837.06 to be paid in CY 2027 for a total amount **not to exceed** Fifty Nine Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-Four and 26/100 Dollars (\$59,434.26).

Section 2. If any section, phrase, sentence, or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

Section 3. This Commission finds and determines that all formal actions of this City Commission concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were taken in an open meeting of this City Commission and that all deliberations of this City Commission and of any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

Section 4. That for reasons set forth in the preamble hereto, this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure which shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter upon its passage, and its due authentication by the President, and the Clerk of the City Commission of the City of Sandusky, Ohio.



RICHARD R. BRADY
PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COMMISSION



ATTEST:

CATHLEEN A. MYERS
CLERK OF THE CITY COMMISSION

Passed: March 13, 2023