

ORDINANCE NO. 23-168

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,759.97 FROM THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES (OCJS) THROUGH THE 2023 BODY WORN CAMERA GRANT PROGRAM; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ANY GRANT AGREEMENTS; AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS TO AXON ENTERPRISE, INC. OF SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA, FOR THE PURCHASE OF FIVE (5) BODY WORN CAMERAS FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT; AND DECLARING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE IMMEDIATE EFFECT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 14 OF THE CITY CHARTER.

WHEREAS, the use of Body Worn Cameras (BWC) is a critical tool in safe guarding the actions and rights of citizens and police officers throughout the Country and provides an impartial measurement for self-critique and field evaluation during officer training and enhances the public trust by preserving factual representations of officer-citizen interactions in the form of video and audio recordings; and

WHEREAS, in the fall of 2022, the City applied for grant funds through the 2023 Body Worn Camera Grant Program for the purchase of five (5) body worn cameras for the Police Department and was notified by the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Office of Criminal Justice Services in January of 2023, that the City was awarded grant funding in the amount of \$11,759.94; and

WHEREAS, Axon is the current supplier for the Police Department's Body Worn Cameras, Cruiser Audio and Video Recording, and Tasers which provides 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 benefit of having a single supplier approach 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 Axon Body Worn Cameras; and

WHEREAS, the total cost for the five (5) Axon body worn cameras is \$11,759.97, and will initial be paid with funds from the Police Department's operating budget, of which \$11,759.94 will be reimbursed from the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Office of Criminal Justice Services through the 2023 Body Worn Camera Grant Program; 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 make payment for the body worn cameras and allow for the reimbursement of funds in a timely manner; 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 Department of Community Development, of the City of Sandusky, Ohio, the City Commission of the City of Sandusky, Ohio finds that an emergency exists regarding the aforesaid, and that it

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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. This City Commission authorizes and directs the City Manager and/or Finance Director to accept grant funds from the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Office of Criminal Justice Services through the 2023 Body Worn Camera Grant Program for the purchase of body worn cameras for the Sandusky Police Department, in the amount of Eleven Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-Nine and 94/100 Dollars (\$11,759.94) and to execute any grant agreement between the City of Sandusky and the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Office of Criminal Justice Services in relation to the acceptance of the grant funds and to lawfully expend the funds consistent with the grant agreement.

Section 2. The City Manager is authorized and directed to expend funds for the purchase of Five (5) Body Worm Camera from Axon Enterprise, Inc. of Scottsdale, Arizona, for the Police Department, at an amount **not to exceed** Eleven Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-Nine and 97/100 Dollars (\$11,759.97), pursuant to and in accordance with the 2023 Body Worn Camera Grant Program.

Section 3. 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 4. This City 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 5. 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 after its adoption and due

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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: August 14, 2023