



**COMMISSION
AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

Item No. 8e

ACTION ITEM

Date of Meeting September 28, 2021

DATE: September 17, 2021

TO: Stephen P. Metruck, Executive Director

FROM: Michael Villa, Acting Chief of Police

SUBJECT: Police Body Camera System Contract Authorization

Contract Value: \$1,200,000

ACTION REQUESTED

Request Commission authorization for the Executive Director to execute a contract for Police Body Camera equipment, digital storage, and evidence management for a period not-to-exceed five years in an amount not-to-exceed \$1,200,000 over the five-year period. There is no funding request associated with this authorization.

SUMMARY

Washington State Substitute House Bill 1223, which passed into the Session Law of 2021 in Chapter 329, requires the digital recording of certain custodial interrogations by 1/1/2022. It has been determined that Police body-worn cameras are the most feasible way to meet this requirement. Also supporting this procurement and the development of a body-worn camera program for the Port of Seattle Police Department is a recommendation by the Port of Seattle Task Force on Policing and Civil Rights which was presented to the Port of Seattle Commission on 9/14/21.

In addition to meeting the legislative change requirement, there are benefits to body-worn cameras such as increased transparency and accountability. When an officer is interacting with someone or responding to an incident, the camera will be activated. In the event a complaint of misconduct was received against the officer, the department will have immediate access to a recording of the event.

Authorization of this contract, procured per Port of Seattle policy, will include body camera equipment, digital storage, and an evidence management system for all Port of Seattle police officers. Annual costs will be budgeted in the Port of Seattle Police Department operating budget.

There are no attachments to this memo.