



STAFF REPORT – CITY COUNCIL MEETING

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Merritt Perry, City Manager

PREPARER: Bart Silvers, Chief of Police

DATE: June 4, 2025

TITLE: **Approve the Purchase of In-Car Cameras for Police Vehicles Including Implementation, Hardware, and a Five-Year Subscription Service from Motorola in the Amount of \$164,934; and Authorize the City Manager to Execute All Applicable Documents.**

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Council:

- 1) Approve the purchase of thirteen (13) Motorola M500 in-car cameras for police vehicles, including implementation, one-time hardware costs, and a five-year subscription service in the amount of \$164,934; and
- 2) Authorize the City Manager to execute all applicable documents.

INTRODUCTION:

The City's existing in-car camera system for police vehicles, purchased in 2017, has reached the end of its useful life. Staff have been notified that the current cameras will no longer be supported, and the hardware will reach its end-of-life status in the coming months. Replacing the outdated system with the Motorola M500 cameras will ensure continuity of operations, prevent service gaps, and maintain reliable video documentation.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

The proposed Motorola M500 system is a direct replacement for the City's existing in-car camera system and is fully compatible with the current Motorola body-worn camera platform already in use by the Arcata Police Department. Integration between in-car and body-worn cameras is essential to the department's transparency, operational effectiveness, and accountability to the community.

This purchase includes the latest generation of Motorola hardware, with a five-year subscription covering system support, service, and equipment replacement. Staff are requesting a sole-source purchase authorization, as Motorola is the only provider able to integrate with the City's existing body-worn camera system and associated software.

BUDGET/FISCAL IMPACT:

The total cost of \$164,934 will be paid over a five-year period using funds from Account 101-40-21-51200. The payment schedule includes \$43,520 in fiscal year 2025/26, followed by \$26,520 annually for fiscal years 2026/27 through 2029/30.

RECOMMENDED COUNCIL ACTION:

Motion to approve the purchase of 13 Motorola M500 in-car cameras for police vehicles, including implementation, one-time hardware costs, and a five-year subscription service in the amount of \$164,934; and authorize the City Manager to execute all applicable documents. Consent Calendar vote.

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. Motorola Camera Quote – Motorola Solutions.