

## REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

**SUBJECT:** Acquisition of electronic control devices, audio and video recording equipment for interview rooms, and P25-compliant portable radios.

**SUMMARY:** The West Jordan Police Department has prepared information for discussion and possible action regarding the purchase of electronic control devices, audio and video recording equipment for interview rooms, and P25-compliant portable radios.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The purchase price of the electronic control devices is \$41,225.40. The audio and video recording equipment for interview rooms total \$47,888.38. The P25-compliant portable radios total \$110,600.

These expenditures, for a total of \$199,743.78, would be paid with budgeted general fund monies, offset by Federal COPS Hiring Grant funding.

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

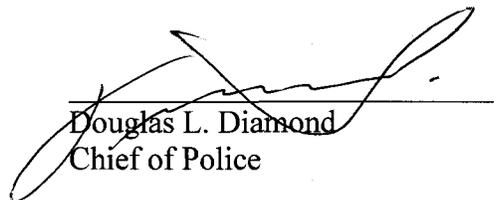
Staff recommends approval to purchase the abovementioned equipment.

### MOTION RECOMMENDED:

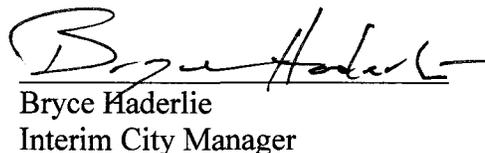
"I motion to adopt Resolution 14-163 approving the purchase of the abovementioned equipment."

Roll Call vote required.

**Prepared by:**

  
Douglas L. Diamond  
Chief of Police

**Recommended by:**

  
Bryce Haderlie  
Interim City Manager

## **BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:**

### **Electronic control devices**

The West Jordan PD currently uses a mix of Taser and Karbon Arms electronic control devices (ECD). These devices enable officers to use less-lethal force on individuals who are resistant, actively aggressive or violent toward officers or others. ECDs have proven to reduce injuries to subjects and officers. Karbon Arms has recently lost a lawsuit to Taser prohibiting Karbon Arms from selling ECDs. Taser has a new program to purchase ECDs with a 5-year replacement program giving credit for used Taser and Karbon Arms ECDs. With the Taser replacement program we will save approximately \$1,000 per year for five years and ensure that we have operable ECDs. Several of our current ECDs are past their useful life and need to be replaced. We believe this Taser replacement program is a cost effective means of replacing our current Karbon Arms ECDs, and outdated and worn Taser ECDs. Taser is the primary provider of ECDs in the United States. Because Taser holds patents and has won lawsuits for patent violation, and this replacement plan is only available through Taser, we have determined this will be a sole-source purchase.

### **Audio and video recording equipment for interview rooms**

Currently we are using a PELCO system to record interviews. The audio portion lacks clarity making recordings hard to understand. The video portion is also old technology and does not have the image clarity of current technology. The system has intermittently failed and completely failed over the weekend of August 17, 2014. We have been in the planning stages to replace our current system but because of the complete failure, we need to replace it immediately. The new technology will allow us to expand into the future and allow us the bridge the interview rooms in the new substation using the same technology for both systems. The new technology has high-definition video and superior audio enabling us to better utilize interviews. Video and audio recordings of interviews are critical for thorough case investigation and prosecution. This equipment is on State contract.

### **P25-compliant portable radios**

The West Jordan Police Department currently has over 130 portable radios. Many of those radios are more than twelve years old and are based on older technology. Many of the radios we have are damaged or not functioning and need to be replaced. Those radios are no longer supported by Motorola and have to be cannibalized to repair. Any new radios will need to be P25-compliant (compliant with near-future systems). This year we plan to replace forty (40) radios, which are oldest or needing repair. Portable radios are the primary communication device for police officers, animal control officers, and community service officers. The radios are on State contract.

### **Funding**

The City of West Jordan has fully budgeted from the general fund four (4) police officer positions that we will receive Federal funding from the COPS Hiring Grant awarded in 2012. That grant provides approximately \$175,000 per year. The grant funds have to be used for salaries of four officers with prior military service. The City has fully funded these positions in case Federal funding is withdrawn; therefore, we can use the funding from the general fund in other areas once the grant funds are received. We propose to use the savings in the general fund from personnel costs for the above purchases. We anticipate that savings will be approximately \$275,000.

This is not a budget adjustment request, but merely a reallocation request.

**THE CITY OF WEST JORDAN, UTAH**

A Municipal Corporation

RESOLUTION NO. 14-163

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE  
PURCHASE OF ELECTRONIC CONTROL DEVICES,  
AUDIO AND VIDEO RECORDING EQUIPMENT FOR INTERVIEW ROOMS,  
AND P25-COMPLIANT PORTABLE RADIOS  
BY THE CITY OF WEST JORDAN**

WHEREAS, the West Jordan Police Department has determined the need for new electronic control devices, new and up-to-date audio and video recording equipment for interview rooms, and new P25-compliant portable radios; and

WHEREAS, the West Jordan Police Department desires to purchase new electronic control devices, new and up-to-date audio and video recording equipment for interview rooms, and new P25-compliant portable radios; and

WHEREAS, the funding is currently available in the current budget through salary savings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST JORDAN, UTAH, THAT:

Section 1. The aforementioned purchases be approved.

Section 2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Adopted by the City Council of West Jordan, Utah, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2014.

KIM V. ROLFE  
Mayor

ATTEST:

MELANIE S. BRIGGS, MMC  
City Clerk

Voting by the City Council	"AYE"	"NAY"
Jeff Haaga	_____	_____
Judy Hansen	_____	_____
Chris McConnehey	_____	_____
Chad Nichols	_____	_____
Ben Southworth	_____	_____
Justin D. Stoker	_____	_____
Mayor Kim V. Rolfe	_____	_____