

Columbus Consolidated Government

Council Meeting

February 26, 2019

Agenda Report # 89

TO: Mayor and Councilors

SUBJECT: Columbus Police Department – FY’19 Request for Reallocation of Budgeted Capital Outlay

INITIATED BY: Columbus Police Department / Finance Department

Recommendation: Approval is requested to reallocate funds from the FY’19 approved Police Capital Outlay in the amount of \$9,000 to purchase (6) LIDAR units and \$37,500 to purchase (125) body worn cameras.

Background: Capital Outlay for the Police Department was approved in the amount of \$136,000 for the FY’19 budget. The total amount was specified to purchase Police dash cameras.

Analysis: The cost of the dash cameras has been reduced due to vendor changes, leaving a savings of \$46,500. The Department currently has 77 body worn cameras that are not functional or repairable, leaving many officers without this valuable law enforcement tool. The LIDAR (light detection and ranging) units are needed for speed enforcement, especially in congested traffic conditions. Unlike the traditional radar, LIDAR allows for very specific target acquisition when attempting to determine the speed of a particular vehicle on a crowded roadway. Six units will allow for each Patrol shift to have two units available. At present, only the Motor Squad has LIDAR units. This will improve our traffic enforcement abilities.

Financial Considerations: This recommendation is cost neutral to the City of Columbus.

Projected Annual Fiscal Impact Statement: We will be able to purchase dash cameras as originally budgeted while adding 125 body worn cameras and 6 LIDAR units with no additional funding required.

Legal Considerations: Council approval is required for reallocation of our operating budget.

Recommendations/Actions: Approve a resolution reallocating \$46,500 of the FY’19 Public Safety OLOST Fund budget for Police Capital Outlay (0102-400-9900-LOST-7763) to purchase 120 body cameras and 6 LIDAR units.

A RESOLUTION

No. _____

WHEREAS, Columbus Council approved the FY'19 Operating Budget on June 12, 2018; and,

WHEREAS, the FY'19 Public Safety OLOST Budget for the Columbus Police Department included \$136,000 for the purchase of dash cameras; and,

WHEREAS, the price of dash cameras is less than the amount budgeted due to vendor changes, which leaves a savings available of \$46,500; and,

WHEREAS, the Columbus Police Department requests to allocate this \$46,500 to purchase (125) body worn cameras and (6) LIDAR units.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEREBY RESOLVES:

That the Columbus Police Department is hereby authorized to reallocate \$37,500 to purchase (100 body worn cameras and \$9,000 to purchase (6) LIDAR units from funds already available in account number 0102-400-9900-LOST-7763.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the _____ day of _____, 2019 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

- Councilor Allen voting _____.
- Councilor Barnes voting _____.
- Councilor Crabb voting _____.
- Councilor Davis voting _____.
- Councilor Garrett voting _____.
- Councilor House voting _____.
- Councilor Huff voting _____.
- Councilor Thomas voting _____.
- Councilor Turner-Pugh voting _____.
- Councilor Woodson voting _____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson, Mayor