

Council Meeting: June 11, 2026	Prepared By: Ryan Burns, Deputy Director of Public Safety
Topic: Squad and Body Cameras Discussion	Action Required: Direction

Summary

The 2027 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) includes a proposed line item for replacement of the Police Department's squad car camera and body-worn camera (BWC) systems. The purpose of this staff report is to provide background information, establish a platform for discussion, and seek policy direction from the City Council regarding the future of the program.

The Corcoran Police Department has utilized some form of squad car camera technology since the 1990s and has operated its current camera system since the fall of 2020. These systems have proven invaluable as evidentiary tools and have played a significant role in mitigating risk and liability for the City when complaints or claims are made against officers. Likewise, the Department's body-worn camera program is a critical component in promoting transparency, accountability, and public trust.

Since implementation of the current system, the City has incurred ongoing costs associated with camera replacements not covered under warranty, as well as server and infrastructure upgrades. Equipment failures and technical issues have increased as the system ages, prompting staff to explore long-term replacement options.

The marketplace for public safety camera systems has changed significantly in recent years. Vendors no longer primarily offer equipment that agencies purchase, own, and manage independently. Instead, providers offer subscription-based contracts that bundle hardware, software, maintenance, support, and cloud storage services. Contract terms generally range from five to ten years.

Technology has also advanced considerably since the City's current system was implemented in 2020. Modern platforms typically include unlimited cloud storage, integrated evidence management systems, cloud-based video redaction tools, automated transcription services, and artificial intelligence (AI)-assisted report writing capabilities. Based on training at IACP and national standards these features have the potential to improve operational efficiency, reduce administrative workload, and streamline evidence management processes.

Options

Staff is seeking Council feedback and direction regarding the following policy and procurement considerations:

Contract Duration

1. Pursue a five-year or ten-year agreement.
2. 10-year term can be up to 10% cost saving vs a 5-year term.

Recommendation

Staff will utilize Council feedback to further evaluate vendor options and develop a recommendation.

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