

RESOLUTION No. 2008-226-914

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO DGG TASER, INC., FOR THE PURCHASE OF ELECTRONIC CONTROL DEVICES FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$47,712.60; WAIVING THE COMPETITIVE BIDDING REQUIREMENTS OF THE CITY PURCHASING ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Miami Gardens has increased the number of officers in the Police Department due to the transition of Specialized Services from Miami Dade Police Department, and

WHEREAS, Electronic Control Devices ("ECD") will be an integral part of daily police operations, and

WHEREAS, ECDs provide police officers with a less than lethal force option in assisting in restraining suspects who are combative, and

WHEREAS, the City Manager recommends that the ECDs be purchased from Taser International, Inc., and

WHEREAS, DGG Taser, Inc., located in Jacksonville, Florida, is the only distributor of Taser International ECDs in the State of Florida, and

WHEREAS, it is expected that the cost per ECD unit will be \$1,209.90 which will include a holster, and

WHEREAS, the purchase of an additional thirty-four (34) units plus additional supplies consisting of air cartridges and non-conductive simulation will be made for a total cost of \$47,712.60, and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that if additional Tasers are required, they will be purchased by the City Manager using his authority,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS: The foregoing Whereas paragraphs are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true, and the same are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution.

Section 2. AUTHORIZATION: The City Council of the City of Miami Gardens hereby authorizes the City Manager to issue a purchase order to DGG Taser, Inc. for the purchase of Electronic Control Devices for the Police Department, in an amount not to exceed \$47,712.60.

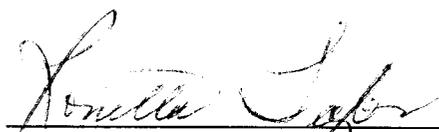
Section 3. WAIVER OF COMPETITIVE BIDDING: In accordance with Section 15 (a) of the City's Purchasing Ordinance, the City Council hereby authorizes a waiver of the competitive bidding requirements of the purchasing code.

Section 4. EFFECTIVE DATE: This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its final passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS AT ITS REGULAR MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 12, 2008.


SHIRLEY GIBSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:


RONETTA TAYLOR, MMC, CITY CLERK

PREPARED BY: SONJA KNIGHTON DICKENS, ESQ.
City Attorney

SPONSORED BY: DANNY CREW, CITY MANAGER

MOVED BY: Vice Mayor Watson
SECOND BY: Councilman Gilbert

VOTE: 5-0

Mayor Shirley Gibson	<u>X</u> (Yes)	___ (No)
Vice Mayor Barbara Watson	<u>X</u> (Yes)	___ (No)
Councilman Melvin L. Bratton	___ (Yes)	___ (No) (out of town)
Councilman Aaron Campbell	<u>X</u> (Yes)	___ (No)
Councilman Oliver Gilbert, III	<u>X</u> (Yes)	___ (No)
Councilwoman Sharon Pritchett	___ (Yes)	___ (No) (out of town)
Councilman André Williams	<u>X</u> (Yes)	___ (No)

City of Miami Gardens

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Date: **November 12, 2008**

Fiscal Impact: No Yes

(If yes, explain in Staff Summary)

Funding Source: Police Fund

Contract/P.O. Requirement: Yes No

Sponsor Name/Department:

Dr. Danny Crew, City Manager

Public hearing

Ordinance

1st Reading

Advertising requirement: Yes No

RFP/RFQ/Bid #

Quasi-Judicial

Resolution

2nd Reading

Title

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Staff Summary

On June 13, 2007 Council approved a resolution waiving competitive bidding and authorizing the City Manager to issue purchase orders for Electronic Control Devices (ECD) made by Taser International through DGG Taser and Tactical Supply, located in Jacksonville, Florida for the police department. The purchase of additional ECDs are necessary for the new police officers who joined the department in October 2008.

Analysis:

Electronic Control Devices (ECD) made by Taser International is an integral part of daily police operations. ECDs provide officers with a less lethal force option to assist in restraining a subject who is combative or offers physical resistance. ECDs will enable officers to subdue persons from harming themselves or others. The ECD is a device that temporarily immobilizes and incapacitates subjects so officers are able to reduce

threats and safely apprehend otherwise unruly subjects. ECDs serve as a valuable tool to enhance officer safety and the safety of others by reducing officer shootings and injuries.

Prior to issuing the ECDs, officers will be required to attend an eight (8) hour ECD certification course and demonstrate proficiency and policy knowledge.

Taser International is the sole source manufacturer of the patented less than lethal Electro Muscular Disruption device (Taser). If approved, the City would be contracting with DGG Taser and Tactical Supply, located in Jacksonville, Florida, which is the sole authorized distributor for Taser International in the State of Florida. The requested Tasers have Cam Audio/Video recording for enhanced accountability. The cost per unit is \$1,209.90 including holster, staff is requesting 34 units plus additional supplies consisting of air cartridges and non-conductive simulation for a total cost of \$47,712.60.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council approve the attached resolution waiving competitive bidding and authorizing the City Manager to issue a purchase order to DGG Taser & Tactical Supply for the purchase of ECD devices in the amount of \$47,712.60.