

**2017 - 2018 Seattle City Council Green Sheet**

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**Budget Action Title:** Proviso on 2017 Body-Worn Video funds in SPD and Sea-IT

Ongoing: Yes

Has CIP Amendment: No Has Budget Proviso: Yes

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Council Bill or Resolution:

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**Budget Action description:**

This budget action would impose the following proviso:

"No money may be spent by the Seattle Police Department (SPD) or Seattle Information Technology Department (SeaIT) in 2017 on the acquisition of body-worn video (BWV) equipment, until the following occurs: SPD submits to the Council a detailed action plan by December 2, 2016, for ongoing and future community engagement on body-worn video as described in this green sheet, and the action plan is approved by the Council; and SPD submits to the Council a report on initial results of community engagement by no later than February, 2017, and a draft BWV policy that is responsive to community input and the operational needs of the department, and the Council passes an ordinance lifting this proviso.

This proviso shall not apply to funds spent on preliminary activities related to acquisition of body-worn video equipment, including the following: (1) funds supported by the federal body-worn video grant received by the Seattle Police Department or the City's matching funds for that grant and (2) funds expended for preliminary activities under a contract for the acquisition of body-worn video equipment."

The action plan shall include the following:

- Separate plans for the time period leading up to initial deployment, during deployment, and after full implementation; and
- Identification of the target populations for community engagement with an emphasis on populations most likely to be affected by body-worn video policies; and

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- Identification of stakeholders with whom SPD will work, including a plan for reconvening the stakeholder group that was the subject of the Council's 2016 body-worn video proviso; and
- A plan for sharing results of the ongoing community engagement process with the Gender Equity, Safe Communities, and New Americans Committee on a regular basis."

The plan should be developed in consultation with Council.

**Background:**

There is a proviso on \$1.8 million in the 2016 adopted budget for body-worn video (BWV). The proviso states that none of the money appropriated in the 2016 budget in the Finance General Police Accountability Reserve may be spent for body-worn cameras for police officers until the City Council passes an ordinance lifting the proviso. The proposed 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter supplemental ordinance contains language that would lift the proviso and release the funds.

The stated purpose of the proviso is (1) to ensure that the Council has “adequate time to review and approve City policies for use of body-worn cameras” and (2) to consider public comment on those policies. In describing the public outreach, the proviso description identifies a workgroup of named stakeholder entities from the community, state, federal, and local governments. Those entities were to conduct “an extensive engagement process with the community” and provide the Council with a “detailed written report on the community engagement process and a draft policy for review.” A proviso response report dated Oct. 3, 2016 was filed on Oct. 7 (see Attachment 1).

While SPD conducted meetings with some of the stakeholders named in the 2016 BWV proviso, there was not an extensive community engagement effort entered into by those stakeholder entities. Many members of the community may still have many questions about the policies and privacy impacts governing the use of body-worn videos.

This budget action is intended to ensure that there has been adequate public comment and outreach and engagement to the satisfaction of the Council, as originally contemplated in the 2016 proviso, prior to the acquisition of body-worn video equipment. It is expected that planning and other preparatory work may be occurring in the meantime.