

2016 Seattle City Council Green Sheet

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Budget Action Title: Place a proviso on the Police Accountability Reserve in FG reserve funding for body-worn cameras for police officers

Has CIP Amendment: No Has Budget Proviso: Yes

Councilmembers: Harrell; Licata; O'Brien

Staff Analyst: Rebecca Herzfeld

Council Bill or Resolution:

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Budget Action description:

This budget action would impose the following budget proviso:

“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 this proviso.”

The Seattle Police Department (SPD) has conducted a pilot project in the use of body-worn cameras, and the 2016 Proposed Budget includes \$1.8 million in a Finance General (FG) reserve for full implementation of body-worn cameras for patrol officers. In addition, SPD has received a federal grant for \$600,000 for this purpose.

Imposing this proviso ensures that the Council has adequate time to review and approve City policies for use of body-worn cameras and to consider public comment on those policies.

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A work group including stakeholders from the Community Police Commission, Seattle Police Department, Mayor's Office, City Council, American Civil Liberties Union, Department of Justice Settlement Monitoring Team, Washington State Coalition against Domestic Violence, Somali Community Service of Seattle, King County Sheriff's Office, Seattle City Attorney, King County Executive, United States Department of Justice, and Seattle Police Officers Guild, as well as experts in constitutional and municipal law, will begin meeting in November 2015. The work group will conduct an extensive engagement process with the community and will provide Council with a detailed written report on the community engagement process and a draft policy for review.