

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 Council passes a future ordinance lifting this proviso. It is envisioned that such ordinance will not be passed unless the following steps are completed by February 1, 2017:

- (1) SPD reconvenes the stakeholder workgroup formed under Green Sheet 81-1-A-2-2016 and seeks their advice regarding any outstanding issues or community concerns related to BWV protocols and policies;
- (2) SPD, in consultation with the stakeholder workgroup and Council, develops a detailed action plan for community engagement on body-worn video by December 2, 2016, that includes a plan for regularly sharing with the Gender Equity, Safe Communities, and New Americans Committee a status update on community engagement efforts;
- (3) SPD submits to the Council a final report that summarizes the results of the Department's community outreach, describes how the draft BWV policy is responsive to community input and the operational needs of the department, and identifies unresolved questions or issues related to the BWV policy and implementation protocols; and,

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- (4) SPD documents how the Department will continue to engage and seek the advice of the stakeholder workgroup on the use of BWV equipment.

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. This proviso also shall not apply to costs associated with the deployment of body-worn cameras on downtown bicycle officers."

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 3rd quarter supplemental ordinance contains language that would lift the proviso and release the funds; a proposed amendment that would partially release the funds in order to allow some work to proceed is included in Green Sheet 368-1-C-1-2017.

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 does not appear to have been an extensive engagement process with the community. Members of the community may still have 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.