

October 12, 2022

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

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Subject: Emergency Ordinance – Police: Moral Obligation Payments to Various Vendors

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING a payment of \$33,800 to the Personnel Research and Development Corporation dba PRADCO from the Cincinnati Police Department (“CPD”) General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x227x4200x7289 as a moral obligation for psychological services provided to police recruits from May 2022 to June 2022; **AUTHORIZING** a payment of \$16,824 to Axon Enterprise, Inc. from the CPD General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x222x1710x7289 as a moral obligation for outstanding charges for the annual assurance plan related to CPD’s body-worn camera systems; and **AUTHORIZING** a payment of \$6,307 to Cincinnati State Technical and Community College from the CPD General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x226x3310x7289 as a moral obligation for CPR recertification training provided to 901 CPD officers between December 2021 and April 2022.

This Emergency Ordinance authorizes the Finance Director to make a payment of \$33,800 to the Personnel Research and Development Corporation dba PRADCO from the Cincinnati Police Department (CPD) General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x227x4200x7289 as a moral obligation for psychological services provided to police recruits from May 2022 to June 2022. This Emergency Ordinance also authorizes the Finance Director to make a payment of \$16,824 to Axon Enterprise, Inc. from the CPD General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x222x1710x7289 as a moral obligation for outstanding charges for the annual assurance plan related to CPD’s body-worn camera systems. This Emergency Ordinance further authorizes the Finance Director to make a payment of \$6,307 to Cincinnati State Technical and Community College from the CPD General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x226x3310x7289 as a moral obligation for CPR recertification training provided to 901 CPD officers between December 2021 and April 2022.

The Cincinnati Police Department entered into contracts with Personnel Research and Development Corporation dba PRADCO, Axon Enterprises, Inc., and Cincinnati State Technical and Community College for services that were rendered in Fiscal Year 2022. At the end of Fiscal Year 2022, the CPD Finance Management Section Division Manager and the Supervising Account both retired, and two additional CPD

employees transferred to other City agencies. Due to these vacancies and other unforeseen staffing shortages, CPD was unable to meet critical deadlines to encumber funds before the end of Fiscal Year 2022.

The Cincinnati Police Department is committed to training new staff to ensure that funds are certified in a timely fashion and that these deadlines are not missed in the future.

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to make payment to the Vendors for outstanding charges for services provided in Fiscal Year 2022.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Andrew M. Dudas, Budget Director
Karen Alder, Finance Director

Attachment