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PUBLIC SAFETY ECOSYSTEM TO PROVIDE A FULLY-INTEGRATED REAL-
TIME CRIME CENTER SOLUTION.

Applicable Area:

MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Mayor Steven Meiner

DATE: February 3, 2025

TITLE: DISCUSS/TAKE ACTION – POTENTIAL ACQUISITION OF AXON'S FUSUS PUBLIC SAFETY ECOSYSTEM TO PROVIDE A FULLY-INTEGRATED REAL-TIME CRIME CENTER SOLUTION.

RECOMMENDATION

According to Axon Enterprise, Inc. (“Axon”), Fusus is a map-based interface that combines private and public video streams into a single feed, enabling greater situational awareness and a common operating picture, with their Fusus product being the first truly open Real-Time Crime Center (“RTCC”). Closed systems dictate what can and cannot be used, but Axon states that with the Fusus platform, law enforcement and public safety agencies are free to choose the hardware and software solutions that fit their needs best. Video streams from fixed and mobile sources can all be seamlessly integrated into a single platform. Furthermore, Fusus streamlines emergency and incident management, by fusing all of a community's video assets (both public and private) into a single platform, which enables an RTCC to efficiently gather intelligence, and provide first-responders with the tools to efficiently monitor and rapidly respond to evolving situations.

Presently, the City has Axon body-worn cameras (“BWC”), Axon Tasers, and Axon Evidence. The addition of Axon Fusus would facilitate the seamless integration of community cameras, Axon Air (for drones), Axon Evidence, Axon Taser, and even real-time GPS vehicle location information which the City currently has installed in all City vehicles through TrackStar. It's my understanding that while the City would need to retain TrackStar (or a similar provider for the “hardware” in each vehicle), the addition of Fusus would provide an extremely user-friendly, integrated map-based interface to ingest and display the information in real-time. Acquiring Fusus and having this real-time, viewable map-based GPS tracking system for all City vehicles would provide significant safety, accountability, and transparency benefits. From a safety and accountability standpoint, GPS tracking enhances both officer and public safety by providing accurate, real-time location data. If a police officer or city employee faces an emergency or becomes unresponsive, their precise location can be determined instantly on the viewable map interface, enabling rapid assistance. Furthermore, real-time, instantly viewable GPS information enhances transparency and accountability by documenting vehicle movements, which can be useful in addressing complaints, ensuring compliance with policies, and investigating incidents. Moreover, by making this data readily viewable for appropriate City personnel, the City can demonstrate its commitment to innovation, efficiency, and public safety.

Accordingly, I would like to hear from the City Administration (including the Police Department and Fleet Management Department) concerning this proposal, so that my colleagues and I can discuss this important initiative and take any appropriate action.

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

ANALYSIS

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

Does this Ordinance require a Business Impact Estimate?
(FOR ORDINANCES ONLY)

If applicable, the Business Impact Estimate (BIE) was published on:
See BIE at: <https://www.miamibeachfl.gov/city-hall/city-clerk/meeting-notice/>

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

CONCLUSION

Applicable Area

Citywide

Is this a “Residents Right to Know” item, pursuant to City Code Section 2-17?

No

Is this item related to a G.O. Bond Project?

No

Was this Agenda Item initially requested by a lobbyist which, as defined in Code Sec. 2-481, includes a principal engaged in lobbying? No

If so, specify the name of lobbyist(s) and principal(s):

Department

Office of Mayor Steven Meiner

Sponsor(s)

Mayor Steven Meiner

Co-sponsor(s)

Condensed Title

Discuss/Action, Acquisition of Axon’s Fusus Public Safety Ecosystem. (Meiner)

Previous Action (For City Clerk Use Only)