



Legislation Text

File #: 0538-2015, **Version:** 1

BACKGROUND: This ordinance authorizes a contract for the purchase of Conducted Electrical Weapons (CEWs) and associated supplies from Vance's Outdoor Inc., for the Division of Police in the amount of \$250,000.00. The Department of Public Safety, Division of Police needs to establish a contract for the purchase of CEWs and ancillary supplies and warranties.

This ordinance also waives the competitive bidding provisions of Columbus City Codes. The Division of Police believes that only the CEW manufactured by Taser International Inc., is acceptable due to street use, training, certification, and re-certification required for all police officers. There is only one supplier in the Ohio area authorized to the sell CEW's, cartridges, warranties and accessories. Taser International has stated that the only authorized dealer in Ohio is Vance's Outdoors Inc. Therefore, this ordinance requests a waiver of competitive bidding. Another company does manufacture a CEW but the Police Division does not believe it is suitable for its needs. This other product, produced by Karbon Arms, has been tested by Division of Police personnel, and has been determined to not operate in a manner acceptable to those trained in its use. Therefore, the Division recommends that it is in the City's best interest to waive the competitive bidding provisions of the City Code to allow for this purchase.

This company is not debarred according to the Federal excluded parties listing or prohibited from being awarded a contract according to the Auditor of State unresolved findings for recovery certified search.

Contract Compliance Number: 54-2072038, expires 12/13/2015

FISCAL IMPACT: This ordinance authorizes an expenditure of \$250,000.00 from the General Permanent Improvement Fund for the purchase of CEW's, CEW supplies, and warranties from Vance's Outdoors Inc.

EMERGENCY action is requested to ensure the timely purchase of CEW's, CEW supplies, and warranties from Vance Outdoors Inc.

To amend the 2014 Capital Improvement Budget, to authorize the appropriation and transfer of \$250,000.00 within the General Permanent Improvement Fund; to authorize the Director of Finance and Management to enter into a contract for the purchase of Conducted Electrical Weapons (CEWs), and related warranties and supplies with Vance's Outdoors Inc. for the Division of Police; to waive the competitive bidding provisions of the Columbus City Codes, and to declare an emergency. (\$250,000.00)

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend the 2014 Capital Improvement Fund and to authorize the appropriation and transfer of funds between projects within the General Permanent Improvement Fund to provide sufficient funds in the appropriate project for this expense; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Police needs to purchase new Conducted Electrical Weapons (CEWs) and purchase related warranties and supplies; and

WHEREAS, Vance's Outdoors Inc. is the only authorized dealer in Ohio for Taser International, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City that competitive bidding be waived for this purchase; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Division of Police, Department of Public Safety, in that it is immediately necessary to enter into contract with Vance's Outdoors, Inc. for the purchase of CEWs, and related warranties and supplies, thereby preserving the public peace, property, health, safety and welfare; now, therefore

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

SECTION 1. That the 2014 Capital Improvement Budget be amended as follows:

Fund 748

Project Name|Project No.|Current Authority|Revised Authority|Difference

Unallocated Balance Fund 748 748999-100000 (Gen Perm Imp Carryover)	\$300,883 \$50,883 (\$250,000)
30-03 Police Equipment 330036-1000000 (Gen Perm Imp Carryover)	\$0 \$250,000 \$250,000

SECTION 2. To appropriate from the unappropriated balance of the General Permanent Improvement Fund in Dept/Div: 45-01 | Fund: 748 | Project Number 748999-100000 | Project Name - Unallocated Balance Fund 748 | OCA Code: 643114 | OL3: 6621 | Amount \$250,000.00

SECTION 3. That the transfer of cash and appropriation within the General Permanent Improvement Fund be authorized as follows:

FROM:

Dept/Div: 45-01 | Fund: 748 | Project Number 748999-100000 | Project Name - Unallocated Balance Fund 748 | OCA Code: 643114 | OL3: 6621 | Amount \$250,000.00

TO:

Dept/Div: 30-03 | Fund: 748 | Project Number 330036-1000000 | Project Name - Police Equipment | OCA Code: 748036 | OL3:6621 | Amount \$250,000.00

SECTION 4. That the Director of Finance and Management be and is hereby authorized and directed to enter into a contract with Vance's Outdoors Inc. for the purchase of Conducted Electrical Weapons (CEWs), and related warranties and supplies in accordance with the negotiated pricing of all items specified in the amount of \$250,000.00.

SECTION 5. That the appropriation and expenditures of \$250,000.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and is hereby authorized from the General Permanent Improvement Fund No. 748.

Division: 30-03
Fund: 748
Project: 330036-100000
OCA Code: 748036
Object Level 1: 06
Object Level 03: 6621
Amount: \$250,000.00

SECTION 6. That this Council finds it is in the best interest of the City of Columbus to waive the provisions of Chapter 329 of the Columbus City Codes related to competitive bidding.

SECTION 7. That the funds necessary to carry out the purpose of this ordinance are hereby deemed appropriated, and the City Auditor shall establish such accounting codes as necessary.

SECTION 8. That for reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part thereof, this ordinance is

hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force from the after its passage and approval by the Mayor or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.