



PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION 20150504-03A

May 4, 2015

Subject: Public Safety Commission Body-Worn Cameras Recommendation

Motioned By: Vice Chair Levy

Seconded By: Commissioner Moreno

Recommendation

While there are significant advantages to body-worn cameras (BWCs), there are important issues that need to be properly addressed; the Public Safety Commission makes the following recommendation to the Austin City Council:

The Public Safety Commission recommends the City Council direct the City Manager to work with the Austin Police Department to proceed carefully and systematically with the implementation of body-worn cameras (BWCs). First, full consideration should be given to the evaluation and scientific research on BWCs. Second, a comprehensive privacy policy to protect victims and witnesses needs to be developed. Third, appropriate technology involving automatic activation triggers be selected. Fourth, full costs of implementation and operation of a BWC program should be determined; these funds should be in addition to the normal police budget and should not impact public safety service delivery.

Vote:

The Body-Worn Cameras Recommendation was approved with a vote of 5-1.

For: Chair Rossmo, Vice Chair Levy, Commissioner Lauderdale, Commissioner Moreno, and Commissioner Anschutz

Against: Commissioner Webber

Attest: