

## 2021 Capital Budget: Proposed Finance Committee Amendments

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Agency: Police Department  
 Project: Body Worn Camera Pilot  
 Sponsor: Alder Harrington-McKinney  
 Co-Sponsor(s):

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### Amendment

Add \$83,000 in GO Borrowing in 2021 for approximately 48 body worn cameras, related equipment and training. The project funds a one-year pilot program in the North District for Patrol Officers, Sergeants, and the Community Policing Team.

### Amendment Amount

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
GO Borrowing	83,000	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$83,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

### Amendment Impact

Debt Service	\$9,730
TOAH Impact	\$0.10

### Discussion

#### Analysis

In 2014, the Police Department was asked to provide a report to Council providing an overview of the use of body worn video cameras and the costs of a potential pilot program. The report was delivered in December 2014. As a result, a committee was formed to solicit community input on the subject. The end result was that the committee did not recommend the use of body worn video cameras at that time. The committee's work led to the development of an ad hoc committee to study Police policies overall. This committee selected a vendor, OIR Group, and the Police Policy Study was completed in December 2017.

In the final report, the OIR Group does not make a recommendation regarding implementing body cameras. Their recommendations include "urging the City and its stakeholders to be clear about what they want and expect from the program, and how those things might correspond to the inevitable limitations of the technology. Additionally, we strongly recommend a collaborative, transparent phase policy development. Lastly, and to assist in that development should the City at some point wish to move forward, we offer detailed suggestions as to the features that effective body-worn camera policies should have."

The 2015 CIP included \$75,000 in 2016 for Police Body Cameras. The funding was adopted in the 2016 Capital Budget. In 2017, the project was removed from the CIP.

In 2018, by way of amendment, the Finance Committee added \$123,000 for a one-year body worn camera pilot program in one Police district. This funding was subsequently removed by a Council amendment in the same year.

In 2019, by way amendment, the Finance Committee added \$104,000 for a one-year body worn camera pilot program in one Police district. An additional \$26,000 was added by Finance Committee amendment to the Police Department operating budget for overtime related to this pilot. These amendments were removed by Common Council amendments during the budget adoption in 2019.

No amendments related to body worn cameras were introduced in 2020.

The proposed amendment will pilot the use of body worn cameras in one district station. The estimated capital cost of implementing the pilot is \$83,000. The additional capital costs to implement a full city-wide program for Patrol and Community Policing Teams is \$445,000. To outfit all Officers (Gang, K-9, TEST, etc.) would add \$55,000 in capital for a grand total of \$583,000. The cost estimates for the pilot are based on information from the current vendor for in car video equipment, video storage needs extrapolated from the in car video project, the number of body worn cameras deployed to officers, and the corollary support equipment (offload docks, access points, etc.).

### Operating Impact

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**Annual Impact:** **\$55,250**

The pilot would require \$55,250 in 2021 to fund overtime for processing the video.

The projected annual operating impact of implementing a citywide body camera program for all Patrol positions is \$376,000. Implementation of a citywide program will require four additional positions (\$311,000) and ongoing software maintenance costs (\$65,000). Adding Community Policing Teams will increase the annual operating costs by \$9,600.