



Legislation Text

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The proposed resolution accepts the Final Report and Model Policy from the Body-Worn Camera Feasibility Review Committee. In the report the Committee “recommends starting with a rigorous pilot project, and then fully assessing the impact of BWCs in practice here in Madison before moving on to full department-wide implementation.”

No appropriation is required to accept the report. The adopted 2021 capital budget includes \$83,000 in GO Borrowing to fund approximately 48 body worn cameras, related equipment and training for a one-year pilot program in the North District for Patrol Officers, Sergeants, and the Community Policing Team. Implementation of this pilot program is conditional upon Common Council approval to proceed after receiving the attached report. This resolution does not include approval to proceed with the pilot.

Estimated operating costs for the pilot are \$53,000 bringing the total to \$136,000. The 2021 adopted budget does not include the operating costs for the pilot and \$53,000 would need to be appropriated.

Additional capital costs to implement a full city-wide program for Patrol and Community Policing Teams is estimated at \$445,000. Outfitting all Officers (Gang, K-9, TEST, etc.) would add \$55,000 in capital for a grand total of \$583,000. 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. Should the City decide to proceed with additional body worn cameras, capital and operating costs will be subject to future appropriations.

	<b>Capital</b>	<b>Operating</b>	<b>Total</b>
Pilot	83,000	53,000	136,000
Add'l costs for full implementation	<u>500,000</u>	<u>385,600</u>	<u>885,600</u>
	583,000	438,600	1,021,600
Additional Squad Equipment	<u>145,000</u>		<u>145,000</u>
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	<u>728,000</u>	<u>438,600</u>	<u>1,166,600</u>

The report identifies the first-year startup capital costs of a fully implemented BWC program at approximately \$720,000. The amount includes \$145,000 for equipment not identified above, specifically the hardware to permit automatic triggering of the cameras when squad car light bars are activated.

Accepting the Final Report and Model Policy from the Body-Worn Camera Feasibility Review Committee. WHEREAS, the Common Council established the Madison Police Department Policy and Procedure Review Ad Hoc Committee on 5/19/2015; and,

WHEREAS, prior to that, the Community Policing and Body Camera Ad Hoc Committee submitted its final report to the Common Council on 11/17/2015; and,

WHEREAS, the Common Council accepted the final report of the Madison Police Department Policy and Procedure Review Ad Hoc Committee on 1/21/2020; and,

WHEREAS, the motion to accept the final report of the Madison Police Department Policy and Procedure Review Ad Hoc Committee included a recommendation by the Common Council Executive Committee to implement MPD Ad Hoc committee recommendation #177, which recommends that the Common Council appoint a new committee to undertake a study of looking into the issues raised in OIR recommendations #135, #136, #137, #138, and #139 regarding the feasibility of implementing a body-worn camera program by the Madison Police Department, and recommends that the new committee revisit the findings of the 2015 Community Policing and Body Camera Ad Hoc Committee in the context of the discussion provided in MPD Ad Hoc Committee Recommendation #177 and OIR recommendations #135-139; and,

WHEREAS, the Common Council established the Body-Worn Camera Feasibility Review Committee in April of 2020 in order to revisit the issue of whether MPD should establish a body-worn camera program through review of MPD Ad Hoc Committee recommendation #177 and provide recommendations to the Common Council regarding whether MPD should establish a body-worn camera program, and if so, provide recommendations on how it would be implemented; and,

WHEREAS, the Body-Worn Camera Feasibility Review Committee met 26 times over seven months; and,

WHEREAS, the Body-Worn Camera Feasibility Review Committee completed its work on January 26, 2021; and,

NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council accepts the final report and model policy of the Body-Worn Camera Feasibility Review Committee; and,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Common Council thanks the members of the Body-Worn Feasibility Review Committee for their dedication and service to the City.