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Please include this as public comment and a written communication during “Oral Communications” for Item #2, Body-Worn Cameras, on the September 1 council agenda.

Supporting the cost and staffing for this request should be a “no brainer”; consider the annual cost as an insurance policy to protect the City and as a reduction of confrontational incidents.

I am sure that the City Attorney would support the idea that a video recording of an incident as it unfolds is far superior evidence in court than a written report by police officers and frequently conflicting witness accounts of what had transpired.

If citizens and officers are aware that their interactions are being recorded for later evaluation the level of confrontational rhetoric/physical action from both will be reduced. If a situation were to evolve and a claim of improper conduct lodged against the Lompoc Police Department these claims can be easily refuted or sustained by real time video recordings.

You simply cannot afford to deny this request; you asked for a report and now you must take positive action to provide this valuable tool to the LPD, City Attorney and citizens of Lompoc.

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