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TO: The Honorable Mayor Manier and Washington City Council
FROM: Chief Michael D. McCoy and Deputy Chief Jeff Stevens
RE: Annual Contract Payment for Conducted Energy Weapons (CEWs)
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Mayor and Aldermen,

Washington Police began carrying Taser CEWs about 2008. The Tasers are an important tool as a non-lethal use of force option both because they can quickly and safely bring a fighting subject under control with minimal injury to the subject or officers and because the availability of the option is likely to decrease the potential for resistance. The Department currently has a Taser CEW for each officer, a distribution that has proven effective in keeping CEWs available and in service.

In December, 2017, the Department, with Council approval, entered in to a 5-year contract with Axon, the manufacturer of Tasers, for provision of CEWs. The contract price represented an estimated savings of more than 10% versus the 5-year cost without the contract.

The second year annual payment of \$6,864.00 is now due and the Department requests Council authorization to make that payment.