Audits of Body Worn Camera Footage Pursuant to City Code 2.10.200 August 2023

SUMMARY

This memorandum constitutes a random audit, pursuant to City Code 2.10.200.E, of body worn camera recordings for the month of August 2023. The ordinance requires that any findings of material non-compliance with state law, City Code and Police Department policy to be referred to the Chief of Police, the Mayor, the Council Chair, the Mayor's Chief of Staff, and the City Attorney.

The system used by the Department, at the time this audit was conducted, cannot randomly generate a body worn camera recording based on a particular timeframe. Because of that limitation, a random number generator was used to identify 5 case numbers (out of 5,376 case numbers) from the month. If a case number had multiple recordings for that case number, a recording was randomly selected for review.

Of the five matters that were reviewed, the audit found that officers appeared to materially comply with City Code, State law, and Department policies.

BODY WORN CAMERA REVIEWS

Case No. 1

Summary

Officers were called to a hotel on report of a suspicious person that the hotel wants trespassed. Officers speak to the person and confirm that he is not a guest of the hotel and inform him that he is trespassed. Person voluntarily leaves.

Findings

The officers appeared to comply with State and City Codes and Police Department policy.

Case No. 2

Summary

Officers respond to a convenience store on a call about a man who is acting aggressive toward staff. The recording begins with the officers speaking to a detained man who is sitting with his hands cuffed behind his back. Officers inform him that he will be taken to Jail. Officers help the man up and into his shoes and begin walking him toward a patrol vehicle. Officers note that a probe from a taser is missing and begin looking for it. The subject officer then speaks to store staff to confirm what they observed before they called police. The call concludes as the officer returns to his vehicle.

Findings

The officers appeared to comply with State and City Codes and Police Department policy.

Case No. 3

Summary

Officer arrives on a scene where other officers are outside a residence conferring with each other over a man who may be inebriated and making threats. Officers decide to stand pat. Subject officer who arrived after other officers confirms that he's no longer needed and ends his call.

Finding

The officers appeared to comply with State and City Codes and Police Department policy.

Case No. 4

Summary

Officer obtains security footage from a retail store for a retail theft investigation.

Finding

The officer appeared to comply with State and City Codes and Police Department policy.

Case No. 5

Summary

Officer responds to a traffic accident and collects witness statements and takes photographs. Officer provides information to those involved in the accident, issues a citation to someone who did not follow traffic laws, and concludes the call.

Findings

The officer appeared to comply with State and City Codes and Police Department policy.

CONCLUSION

Of the five matters that were reviewed, the audit found that officers appeared to materially comply with City Code, State law, and Department policies.