SUMMARY

This memorandum constitutes a random audit, pursuant to City Code 2.10.200.E, of body worn camera recordings for the month of May 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 4,959 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
An officer is on scene with other officers and is approached by a person. The person requests assistance by the officer in looking for a mobile phone that is missing. The officer uses his flashlight to help the person look for his phone. The phone is not found.

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

Case No. 2

Summary
An officer makes telephone contact with a woman who wants to report a man who continually trespasses at her residence and who has likely stolen her phone. She advises that he may have warrants. The officer asks the woman what she would like to have happen if the man is encountered by PD. The officer advises that she should call each time he arrives so that they can increase the chances of apprehending him when he arrives. The officer and the woman conclude the call.

Findings
The officer appeared to comply with State and City Codes and Police Department policy.
Case No. 3

Summary
Officers respond to the Geraldine King Homeless Resource Center to take a report from a woman about an incident where she was assaulted and had her phone stolen.

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

Case No. 4

Summary
Officers arrive at a motel and speak to a person who says that he’s been kicked out by the motel. The person states that it’s because he hasn’t paid his rent. The officers speak to hotel staff who indicate that the person has threatened staff and given away his key to others who are not authorized to rent the room. Officers advise the person that he’s been trespassed and help him take his belongings to the sidewalk.

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

Case No. 5

Summary
An officer responds to an incident on private property where it appears that there was a motorcycle riding clinic. A person is lying on the ground and there is an ambulance along with Fire EMTs. The officer remains on scene to take witness reports and departs after the ambulance departs.

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.