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**DECEMBER 5, 2022 CITY COUNCIL MEETING, AGENDA ITEM #5
CITIZENS OPTIONS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY FUNDS: TASERS**

Dear City Council:

When Tasers were first provided to police officers, the Tasers were required to be worn on the opposite side of the officer's body from the gun, and the Tasers were required to face backwards so that the officer was required to make a cross draw across the officer's body to use the Taser with the same hand the officer used for the officer's gun.

That procedure was adopted to decrease the chance that the officer could make a mistake and use a gun when the officer intended to use the Taser.

The current Police Department Policy 309.3 says, "When carried while in uniform, officers shall carry the CEW [Conducted Energy Weapon] in a weak side holster on the side opposite their duty weapon", but does not say whether the Taser should face backwards so that it can only be drawn by the same hand used for the gun, or whether the Taser should face forward so that it can only be drawn by the other hand.

If the Policy has changed from the original policy, when was it changed and why was it changed?

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

Herb Borock

cc: Police Chief Andrew Binder