Upcoming Council Agenda Item Memos



DATE January 10, 2014

TO Members of the Public Safety Committee

SUBJECT Upcoming Agenda Item: Microwave Voice and Data Network Replacement

The January 22, 2014 Council Addendum will include an item to authorize (1) an acquisition contract for the purchase of microwave equipment to replace the City's existing microwave radio system in the amount of \$6,284,983, and (2) a five year service contract for maintenance and support of the new microwave system in the amount of \$1,825,255, total not to exceed \$8,110,238, financed with Homeland Security Grant Funds (\$6,595,070) and Current Funds (\$1,515,168) (subject to annual appropriations).

The overarching goal of the City of Dallas' Emergency Communications is to provide highly efficient, effective and interoperable public safety communications for city and county law enforcement, Fire and EMS agencies and the citizens they serve. The microwave communication system provides voice support for two-way radio communications used in Police, Fire, EMS, Water Utility, Streets, Sanitation, Aviation, Code, and other city departments that depend on reliable communications day-to-day, and during critical events.

Our current microwave network was built in 1996 and is outdated and limited in functionality in the following ways.

- No technical support and replacement parts for break/fix
- Will not support the future P25 standard based radio systems
- Not redundant, so when anything breaks the whole microwave network is inoperable
- Voice only, does not support data and video transmission

This contract will procure new a microwave communication system. Equipment procured will include microwave transmission antennas, receivers, cables, routers, security equipment, new auxiliary power supplies, and other IT related equipment. The design being proposed is a scalable solution to meet the growing demand of new data and voice solutions which will provide the following:

- A redundant solution for the network
- Three times the capacity of the existing system
- Flexibility to expand the network over the next several years, as an alternative to the traditional wired network for data and voice circuits
- Radio connectivity for all the City radios
- Compatibility with the proposed P25 radio network

Another benefit of the new network is that the vendor will assist the City with beginning to build a wireless voice and data microwave network. This initial network will replace telephone and internet land-line service at Police substations and Water Utility plants, thereby saving the cost of monthly land-line services. This network can be expanded in the future to cover additional City facilities.

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Please contact Bill Finch at 670-1890 if you have any questions.

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Amendment to Dallas City Code, Chapter 42 Regarding Home Solicitation

Currently, there is limited regulation regarding persons conducting home solicitations in residential areas of the city. The city has received numerous complaints regarding door to door solicitors entering on property to sell products or services or to distribute commercial printed matter. Citizens have also expressed concerns that these home solicitations result in criminal activity and disturb their peace.

The proposed amendments to Chapter 42 of the Dallas City Code would create a registration process and other requirements for home solicitors, whether they are selling products or services or distributing commercial printed matter personally or through an agent. The registration would involve a background check and the issuance of an identification card that would be displayed by the solicitor. Some defenses to the registration requirement would be provided, such as for educational, charitable, religious, and political solicitations; solicitations conducted at the invitation or request of the property owner or occupant; and newspaper sales and deliveries requested by the property owner or occupant. The use of adhesives or other damaging materials to leave commercial printed matter on residential premises would be prohibited. A violation of the proposed ordinance would be punishable by a fine of up to \$500.

The City is seeking recommendation from the Public Safety Committee to amend Dallas City Code, Chapter 42 regarding home solicitation. The item was briefed and recommended by the Quality of Life and Environment Committee on December 9, 2013. This item will be placed on the City Council Agenda January 22, 2014

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SUBJECT: Tobacco Enforcement Program Supplemental Funds Acceptance

The City of Dallas has been awarded supplemental funding in the amount of \$15,000 for the 2013/2014 Tobacco Enforcement grant for the period of September 1, 2013 through August 31, 2014. The grant amount is increased from \$65,025 to \$80,025. This grant does not require a match from the City of Dallas.

This grant was created to enforce Subchapter H, Chapter 161, Texas Health and Safety Code, to reduce the extent to which cigarettes and tobacco products are sold and distributed to persons younger than 18 years of age. The grant will provide funding for the overtime salaries of vice personnel who will be conducting controlled buys and stings, and enforcement of minor in possession. Additionally, the grant will fund the payment of confidential informants used in controlled buys and for purchases of tobacco products by these informants.

The City is seeking recommendation from the Public Safety Committee to accept the supplemental award for the Tobacco Enforcement Grant. This item will be placed on the City Council Agenda for January 22, 2014.

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TO: Members of the Public Safety Committee

SUBJECT: Authorize Payment to Dallas County Sheriff's Office for the Dallas County Highway Traffic Program

In January 2008, the Dallas County Sheriff's Office assumed primary freeway coverage responsibility in Southern Dallas County. This allows the Dallas Police Department to reallocate resources to focus more intently on neighborhoods, while the Sheriff's Office can provide a targeted regional response on the highways to achieve greater response times and enhanced response capabilities.

In FY 11-12, the City assisted Dallas County in meeting budgetary shortfalls for the Dallas County Highway Program by contributing \$1M in financing towards the program. In addition, the agreement modified the traffic management coverage areas for the Dallas Police Department and the Dallas County Sheriff's Office. Under this agreement, the Dallas Police Department managed traffic coverage in the following locations that were previously covered by the Dallas County Sheriff's Office:

Loop 12 from City of Irving City Limits to Illinois Ave.

Spur 408 from Illinois Ave. to Interstate 20

<u>U.S. Highway 67</u> from I-35/67 split to Cities of DeSoto/Duncanville City Limits

Interstate 45 from 45/175 split to Interstate 20

Interstate 35 from 35/67 split to the Cities of DeSoto/Lancaster City Limits

The FY 11-12 agreement required the Dallas County Sheriff's Office to provide additional coverage for I-35 from Woodall Rogers to the City limits (North of 635) by March 1, 2012.

During Fiscal Year 2012-13, the Highway Coverage between Dallas County and the Dallas Police Department remained the same and the City contributed \$800K to program expenses in FY 12-13.

During Fiscal Year 2013-14, the Highway Coverage between Dallas County and the Dallas Police Department will remain the same and the City is being asked to contribute \$600K to cover program expenses in FY 13-14. In addition to our support, the Dallas County Highway Traffic Program will receive additional financial support from the following Agencies: The Regional Transportation Council \$1,000,000 and Dallas County \$800,000.

The City is seeking favorable recommendation from the Public Safety Committee to authorize payment to the Dallas County Sheriff's Office for the Dallas County Highway Traffic Program. This item will be placed on the City Council Agenda for January 22, 2014.

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Members of the Public Safety Committee

SUBJECT:

Acceptance of Office of Governor, Criminal Justice Division Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Grant and Correction to Office of Governor, NIBIN Grant Resolution

The Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division has awarded \$400,000 for the Dallas Police Department State of Texas ICAC Grant Number IC-14-A10-27451-01 for the period of October 1, 2013 through August 31, 2014. The total grant awarded to the City of Dallas is \$400,000. This Grant does not require a cash match from the City of Dallas.

This grant will provide one year funding for the full salaries and benefits of two detectives and one police research specialist. Funds will also be utilized to fund training, equipment and overtime to address the growing problem of technology facilitated child abuse and exploitation.

In addition, a correction to CR 13-1761 for acceptance of the NIBIN Grant, approved on October 8, 2013, is required to add language in the grant agreement to include a provision for repayment in the event of loss or misuse of the Criminal Justice Division funds.

The City is seeking a recommendation from the Public Safety Committee to accept the State of Texas Criminal Justice Division Internet Crimes Against Children Grant and correction of the aforementioned language for CR 13-1761. This item will be placed on the City Council Agenda January 22, 2014.

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