

Agenda Report

DATE: April 23, 2001
TO: CITY COUNCIL
FROM: CITY MANAGER
SUBJECT: PURCHASE OF POLICE PORTABLE RADIOS

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council:

- 1) Authorize the Purchasing Administrator to issue a purchase order in the amount of \$67,972.04. The proposed purchase order is exempt from competitive bidding pursuant to City Charter Section 1002, (H) contracts with other governmental entities or their contractors for labor, material, supplies or services.
- 2) Grant an exemption from the provisions of the competitive selection process of the Affirmative Action in Contracting Ordinance, P.M.C. 4.09 pursuant to section 4.09.060(C) contracts for which the City's best interests are served.

BACKGROUND

In 1988, an upgrade to the Police and Fire radio systems was done in order to standardize emergency response equipment throughout the City. At that time, the standardization was based on the use of Motorola radio equipment.

Beginning in 1997, another upgrade of the emergency response equipment was undertaken in order to migrate from an analog system to a digital system. The move to digital equipment was prompted partially by regulatory changes by the Federal Communications Commission as well as a desire to maintain the most up to date technology for public safety.

Given that the total cost to upgrade the system is approximately \$1 million, it has been divided into a multi-phase project that is funded as Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund (SLESF) money becomes available. To date, phases one, two and three have been completed. Funds for this purchase were approved by Council on November 20, 2000 as a part of the approved expenditures of FY 2001 SLESF grant funds.

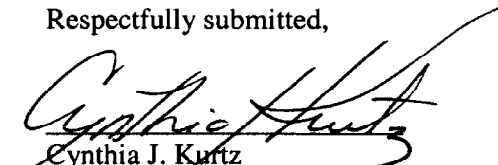
Consequently, staff is requesting Council approval to proceed with this phase which entails the continuing portable radio upgrade to digital capability. During the phased implementation of the project, the City continues to operate its existing system.

Motorola provides the same types of equipment being utilized for the City's upgrade, to the United States General Services Agency (GSA). Under the terms of its agreement with the GSA Motorola makes the same pricing available to states and local governments. Therefore, competitive bidding is not required pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(H), contracts with other governmental entities or their contractors for labor, materials, supplies or services.

FISCAL IMPACT

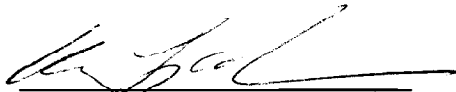
Funding for this phase of the upgrade at \$67,972.04 is available in the FY 2001 Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund operating budget in departmental account ID # 407 400.

Respectfully submitted,



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