

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL APRIL 24, 2006
FROM: CITY MANAGER
SUBJECT: ISSUANCE OF A PURCHASE ORDER FOR PORTABLE RADIOS TO THE MOTOROLA CORP. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$227,730 FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the City Council:

- (1) Authorize the issuance of a purchase order to the Motorola Corp. in a total amount not to exceed \$227,730 for the purchase of digital radios; and
- (2) Grant the proposed purchase orders exemption from competitive bidding pursuant to City Charter Section 1002 (C), contracts for labor, materials, supplies or services available from only one vendor.

BACKGROUND

In 1988, an upgrade to the Police and Fire radio systems was done in order to standardize public safety communication equipment throughout the City. The standardization was based on Motorola equipment. Beginning in 1997, a multi-phased approach was approved to migrate from an analog system to a digital system. Motorola was recognized as the vendor of choice at that time. Each subsequent year the Police Department has gained Council approval to purchase as many Motorola digital portable radios as possible through identified funding sources.

City Council previously recognized and appropriated \$232,054 in 2004 and 2005 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grant funds for the purchase of hand held digital radios for the Police Department and Health Department. Staff is requesting Council approve the purchase so the Police Department can complete another phase of the portable radio upgrade to digital capability. The purchase will also allow interoperable communication capabilities for Health Department personnel during emergency situations. Remaining funds will be used to purchase radio batteries from a different vendor at a reduced rate.

While the radios of virtually any manufacturer can be modified to reach the desired frequencies, the critical issue is operational compatibility in emergency situations. Another vendor considered for this purchase did not meet all of the compatibility requirements. The proposed radios are fully compatible with the existing fleet of upgraded radios. Radio shop

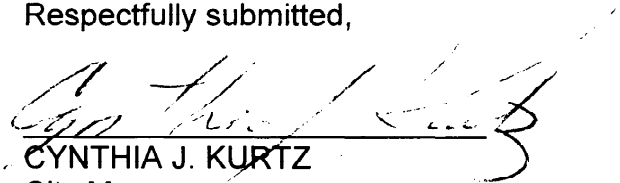
personnel have a working knowledge of the hardware and programming software for these radios. Police personnel have developed critical knowledge of how they operate and can assist new users with functionality questions even in a crisis situation. Additionally, parts including batteries and battery chargers are interchangeable between existing radios and the proposed radios; a critical issue when in the field and in emergency situations. These radios are compatible with other countywide interoperability projects and are the same as those recently purchased by the Pasadena Fire Department.

Approving Motorola Corporation as the sole provider of radio equipment will ensure compatibility with our current fleet. It is in the City's best interest to utilize this vendor for this purchase.

FISCAL IMPACT

Sufficient funding exists in the FY06 operating budget to support this purchase. Funding was allocated from the 2004 and 2005 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grants. These funds are currently available in the Police Department and Health Department Operating Budgets.

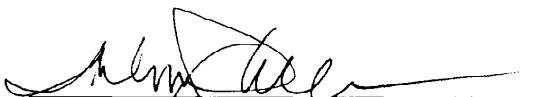
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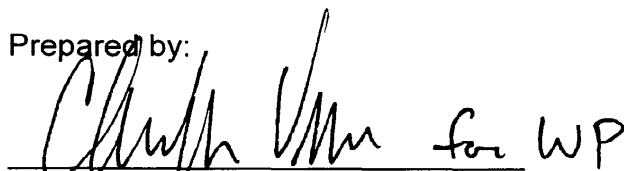
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