

Agenda Report

DATE: February 28, 2000
TO: CITY COUNCIL
FROM: CITY MANAGER
SUBJECT: PURCHASE ORDER WITH MOTOROLA FOR PORTABLE RADIOS
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$226,480.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the Purchasing Administrator to issue a purchase order in the amount of \$226,480 to Motorola Inc. for the purchase of sixty nine (69) Astro Digital Portable Radios. 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.

It is further recommended that this purchase order be granted an exemption from 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 five-phase project that is funded as Local Law Enforcement Block Grant funds become available. To date, phases one and two have been completed. Funds for phase three have recently become available through the block grant process.

Consequently, staff is requesting Council approval to proceed with this phase which entails the first 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.

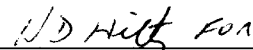
FISCAL IMPACT

Funding for this phase of the upgrade process is available from the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant funds in department account ID# 403 121 at \$196,739. The remaining funding is provided from the Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund department account ID# 403140 at \$29,741, for a total of \$226,480. Council has previously approved the appropriation of these funds into these department ID accounts for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,



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