

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

August 4, 2008

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE INTERAGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INTEROPERABILITY SYSTEM (ICIS) JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY (JPA) AGREEMENT.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the City Council:

- (1) Authorize the City Manager to execute the Interagency Communications Interoperability System (ICIS) Joint Powers Authority (JPA) Agreement.

BACKGROUND

The Interagency Communications Interoperability System (ICIS) is a voice radio network that trunks together radio frequencies to create improved radio coverage. The system was initiated in 2002 to create a seamless means of communication and interoperability among its users. The coverage area for ICIS now includes the greater Los Angeles area with few exceptions.

Conversion to ICIS will provide for greater stability, coverage, and flexibility for day-to-day use, allow all City Departments to have independent talk groups, and provide the City with greatly enhanced interoperability. ICIS membership includes the cities of Glendale, Burbank, Beverly Hills, Culver City, Pomona, and Montebello. This radio network also serves Verdugo Fire Communications, the Cities of San Fernando and San Marino, along with emergency personnel assigned to the Bob Hope Airport, Glendale Community College, and the American Red Cross. The Pasadena Fire Department has already converted to ICIS to remain consistent with Verdugo Fire Communications.

The ICIS Joint Powers Agreement provides a formalized governance structure through which the participants may share resources to construct and manage a system for wide-area public safety communications interoperability, to apply for grants and explore other avenues of funding, and to work out technical and operational issues.

ICIS JPA membership requires approval from the ICIS Governance Board, approval by Council, and payment of the \$40,000 annual fee. On July 10, 2008, the ICIS Governance Board approved the request for Pasadena to become a Governance Board Member of ICIS.

Joining the ICIS JPA will allow the City of Pasadena to take a seat on the Governance Board, appoint members to the Operations and Technical Committees, and have a role in shaping the future of ICIS. ICIS JPA membership is an important step in proceeding with the ICIS Capital Improvement Project (CIP) approved as part of the 2008/09 budget. ITSD will present complete details related to implementing the CIP through the City Council's Technology Committee at a later date.


FISCAL IMPACT

In the FY 2007/08 budget Council allocated \$40,000 for this purpose. Funds are available for this purpose under account 8124-408-952100.

Respectfully submitted,


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