



Agenda Report

July 23, 2018

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: Department of Information Technology
THROUGH: Public Safety Committee (July 18, 2018)
SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND SITE ACCESS AGREEMENT 22,288 WITH THE LOS ANGELES REGIONAL INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM (LA-RICS) AUTHORITY

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Find that the following proposed action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.25, the statutory CEQA exemption adopted specifically for the Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System (LA-RICS); and
2. Authorize the City Manager to amend the Site Access Agreement Contract No. 22,288 with the Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System (LA-RICS) Authority to install public safety radio communication equipment at additional City owned properties.

BACKGROUND:

The Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System (LA-RICS), a California Joint Powers Authority, was established in 2009 to engage in a region-wide cooperative effort to plan and establish a wide-area interoperable public safety communications. When completed, the system would provide first and secondary responders with the technology to coordinate, in real time, their response during emergencies. LA-RICS is made up of two independent systems, the Public Safety Broadband Network Long-Term Evolution (LTE-data) and the Land Mobile Radio (LMR) Systems. The LTE data system has since been transferred to AT&T for operations and rebranded as FirstNet.

On June 1, 2015, City Council authorized the City Manager to enter into a site access agreement with LA-RICS to install network antennas on an existing City-owned

communication tower and provide necessary space for related equipment for a term of fifteen (15) years.

Motorola was retained by LA-RICS to design and construct the system and identified one City-owned site (LTE site) where the installation of a network antenna system would support the LTE-data portion of the system. The original site access agreement allowed for the installation of antennas on the existing City-owned communication towers and associated equipment. The entire implementation and equipment costs were paid by LA-RICS and funded by federal grant dollars.

LA-RICS has since identified another City-owned site where the installation of an antenna system would support the LMR portion of the system. The identified site is at 2010 Glen Oaks Boulevard, APN 5705-001-900, where existing City-owned communication towers and structures already exist. At their own expense, LA-RICS will design and install a new communications tower, replacing the existing City-owned tower that has surpassed its useful life, and install associated equipment.

The LMR portion of the system will provide day-to-day voice radio communications for primarily Los Angeles County Sheriff and Fire personnel, and other emergency responders connected to the network. Enhancing the radio coverage throughout Pasadena is necessary for effective voice radio communication between public safety agencies during major events, such as the Tournament of Roses, Rose Parade, and in the event of regional emergencies.

Staff recommends amending the existing site access agreement to allow Motorola and LA-RICS subcontractors to install and maintain the antenna system and other necessary equipment on the newly identified site and future City owned sites as identified. The original fifteen (15) year term of the agreement will remain unchanged, expiring July 14, 2030.

The original agreement and this amendment do not contemplate LA-RICS Authority providing compensation to access and use City-owned communication towers and property for the network, however the City will benefit from the reinvestment of aging assets and site upgrades that may support the Pasadena Radio system and other communications infrastructure. Installation and equipment costs will be paid by LA-RICS and funded through various federal grants and Los Angeles County sources. The plans and designs of the antenna systems will be reviewed and approved through the City's site plan review process.

By entering into, and now proposing to amend the site access agreement, the City continues to support a regional communications system in the Los Angeles County region that will improve emergency communications for first responders. In addition, once fully operational in 2020, Pasadena Public Safety personnel are expected to benefit from interoperability between the Pasadena Radio System and LA-RICS for radio communications between agencies.

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

The installation of equipment to support a regional public safety communications network supports the City Council strategic goal to ensure public safety by enhancing first responder operations and regional interoperable communications.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

Approval and execution of this amendment to the Agreement, and all work at the LMR site being added to the Agreement, is statutorily exempt from review under CEQA. Public Resources Code Section 21080.25, the statutory CEQA exemption adopted specifically for the LA-RICS Authority, exempts these activities as long as they meet the criteria set forth in the exemption.

As the CEQA Lead Agency, the LA-RICS Authority has determined the LMR site covered by the amended Agreement meets all of the exemption criteria. This determination is supported by substantial evidence in the custody of the LA-RICS Authority, and will be incorporated in relevant part into the Agreement.

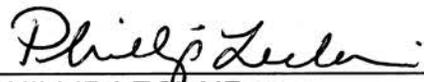
Upon the approval of the recommended actions, Notices of Exemption for the site covered by the amended Agreement will be filed with the Registrar Recorder/County Clerk pursuant to Section 15062 of the State CEQA Guidelines.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact as a result of this action and it will not have any indirect or support cost requirements. The LA-RICS Authority will design, install, and maintain the antennas and any associated equipment at their own expense.

There are no anticipated impacts to other operational programs or capital projects as a result of this action.

Respectfully submitted,



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Approved by:



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