

Agenda Report

TO: City Council

DATE: April 14, 2002

FROM: City Manager

SUBJECT: Contract Award to Motorola, Inc. for purchase of digital portable radios not to exceed \$148,785.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the City Council:

1. Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Motorola, Inc. for the purchase of 38 digital portable radios and accessories in an amount not to exceed \$148,785. The proposed contract is exempt from competitive bidding pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(c), contracts for labor, material, supplies, or services available from only one vendor.
2. It is further recommended that this contract be granted a partial exemption from the provisions of the Contracting and Purchasing Ordinance, P.M.C. 4.08.049 (B) contracts for which the City's best interest are served.

BACKGROUND

In December of 1997, City Council gave approval to the police department to begin a digital radio migration program to replace aging analog radios with technologically superior digital radios. This program was instituted in order to comply with a Federal Communication Commission (FCC) mandate. This conversion allows for a narrowing of the frequency bandwidth, effectively doubling the radio frequency spectrum.

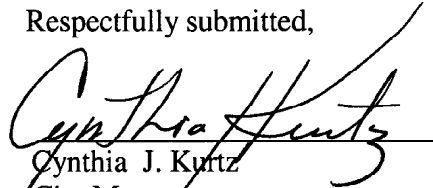
As a result, the police department has developed an eight phase migration plan. Currently, the police department has completed three of the eight phases. Those phases included the major infrastructure upgrades and the purchase of some portable radios. Remaining phases include only the purchase of portable radios. The recommended purchase explained within this agenda report would constitute phase four.

All of the existing infrastructure is manufactured by Motorola, Inc. Motorola is the only company that manufactures a compatible product for public safety use.

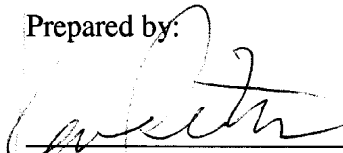
FISCAL IMPACT

Sufficient funding exists within the police department's FY 2003 operating budget to support this purchase. No additional appropriations are required.

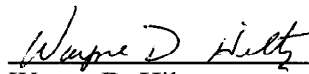
Respectfully submitted,


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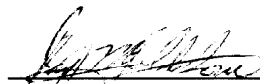
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