

**Agenda Item:** 2.c

**Meeting Date:** September 1, 2020

## **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** City Commission

**Date:** 2020-08-03

**From:** Jorge Quintas, Public Works & Utilities Director/Engineer

**Subject:** Second Renewal of the Interlocal Agreement for use of the Pinellas County Emergency Communication 800 MHZ Radio System

**Presenter(s):** Jorge M. Quintas, P.E., Director, Department of Public Works & Utilities / City

**Recommend:** Staff recommends the City Commission authorize the City Manager to execute the Second Renewal Option of the Interlocal Agreement with Pinellas County to utilize their 800MHz Radio System, with an associated annual access fee of \$30,000.

**Epic Goal(s):** Goal #5 – Enhance community and employee relationship strategies that strengthen inclusiveness, respect, transparency and collaborative engagement.

**Boards & Committees:** N / A

**Budget Impact:** Funding for the associated annual access fee of \$30,000 is paid for from the "Communication Services" expense account #054110. Costs are allocated across City departments and divisions in accordance with the attached "800 MHZ Internal Cost Allocation Breakdown" Exhibit E.

**Past Action:** 1. ) Commission approved the purchase of Radio System equipment upgrades from Motorola Solutions, Inc., and the initial Interlocal Agreement with Pinellas County to utilize their 800 MHZ Radio System on December 18, 2018, under Agenda Item #1.a; and,  
2.) Commission approved the First Renewal of the Interlocal Agreement for use of the Pinellas County Emergency Communication 800 MHZ Radio System on December 17, 2019, under Agenda Item #2.a.

**Next Action:** Anticipated future ratification of a new Interlocal Agreement prior to the expiration of this Second Renewal five (5) year term, on September 30, 2025.

**Attachments:** [A. Second Renewal - ILA between Dunedin & Pinellas County \(800 MHZ Radio System\).pdf](#), [B. City Attorney Review of 2nd Renewal to ILA for Use of PC 800 MHZ Radio System.pdf](#), [C. First Renewal of 800 MHZ ILA - Dunedin \(Executed 01-24-20\).pdf](#), [D. Initial Interlocal Agreement - Dunedin - County 800 MHz \(Executed 02-04-19\).pdf](#), [E. 800 MHZ Internal Cost Allocation Break-down.pdf](#),

**Background:** On December 18, 2018, the City Commission approved entering into an Interlocal Agreement with Pinellas County for use of their 800 MHZ Emergency Communication Radio System. The Commission's action allowed the City to migrate from its then forty (40+) year old 450 MHZ system, which only provided communications for the Public Works & Utilities and Parks & Recreation Departments. The Commission subsequently approved the First Renewal of the Interlocal Agreement for use of the County's 800 MHZ Radio System on December 17, 2019.

Aside from replacing the City's aging radio system, migration to the County's 800 MHZ system has allowed the City to abandon both of its former radio towers, which sustained damage during Hurricane Irma. Replacement of the City's 450 MHZ system was identified in the post-Irma after-action recommendations as a priority. Use of the county-wide 800 MHZ radio system allows City crews to communicate directly with our own Fire Department, and the County Public Works crews during debris removal and other emergency operations.

This Second Renewal Term, once ratified by both parties, provides for a five (5) year extension (rather than individual single year extensions), effective October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2025, pursuant to same terms and conditions of the originally approved Interlocal Agreement attached hereto.

As previously mentioned, funding for the associated annual access fee of \$30,000 is paid for from the "Communication Services" expense account #054110. Costs are allocated across City departments and divisions in accordance with the attached "800 MHZ Internal Cost Allocation Breakdown" Exhibit E.

Therefore, for the reasons noted herein, staff recommends the City Commission authorize the City Manager to execute the Second Renewal Option of the Interlocal Agreement with Pinellas County to utilize their 800MHz Radio System, with an associated annual access fee of \$30,000.