



City of Plantation
City Council Chambers

Subject:

FirstNet Cellular Services from AT&T Mobility

Summary:

Requesting authorization and approval of the following:

Authorization and approval of a competitive procurement exemption pursuant to Sec. 2-224(a)(21).

Authorization and approval to process monthly payments to AT&T Mobility-CC for "FirstNet Cellular Services" for an amount not to exceed \$147,000.00 from October 1, 2026, to September 30, 2027.

Procurement:

The Procurement and Information Technology Departments requests authorization and approval of a competitive procurement exclusion pursuant to section 2-224(a)(21) of the City's code, which states:

- (a) Exclusions. The competitive solicitation and selection processes stipulated in this Article shall not apply to the following: (21) Purchases of information technology and information technology systems, where such purchases do not entail the custom design of the technology (as distinguished from the configuration and installation of such). (Information technology means equipment, hardware, software, firmware, programs, systems, networks, infrastructure, media, and related material used to automatically, and electronically collect, receive, access, transmit, display, store, record, retrieve, analyze, evaluate, process, classify, manipulate, manage, assimilate, control, communicate, exchange, convert, converge, interface, switch, or disseminate information or data of any kind or form. Information technology systems means any transmission, emission, and reception of signs, signals, writings, images, and sounds of intelligence of any nature by wire, radio, optical, or other electromagnetic systems and includes all facilities, equipment, hardware, software, firmware, operations, integration, and networking.).

Based on the foregoing information, the Information Technology and Procurement Departments requests authorization and approval of the following:

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Background:

Strategic Priorities: Sustainability

The FirstNet mission is to deploy, operate, maintain, and improve the first high-speed, nationwide wireless broadband network dedicated to public safety. FirstNet provides priority and preemption capabilities for the first responders at all times, and the ability to add other City responders during an emergency.

The priority and preemption feature guarantees that in the event of cellular network congestion, as expected during a major emergency, first responders in the City will get priority routing of calls, texts and data.

Additionally, other City staff will be configured such that in the event of an emergency their line of service can get moved, by the City, to the cellular network priority and preemption service.

FirstNet allows our Public Safety (Fire and Police) to communicate back to CAD (E-911) system. The entirety of these communiques are encrypted and compressed between the sender (Public Safety) and the CAD system. AT&T is the nationwide sole provider for FirstNet.

This item is now ready for City Council consideration.

Funding:

001-2300-513-4102

Amount:

Not to Exceed \$147,000.00

Finance Director/Budget Manager Recommendation:

The Information Technology Department budgeted in FY2027 \$156,000 for the renewal of the FirstNet cellular services from AT&T Mobility.

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ATTACHMENTS:

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