



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. 2-226(g)(12).

Authorization and approval to process monthly payments to AT&T Mobility-CC for "FirstNet Cellular Services" for an amount not exceed \$117,000.00 from January 1, 2026 to September 30, 2026.

Procurement:

Notwithstanding the obvious benefit and public interest served by having all purchases submitted to competitive procurement, circumstances can arise when the city may determine that there is an overriding public interest to waive competitive procurement. This is one of those instances, whereas, the City has been utilizing these services from AT&T for the past six (6) years +/-.

The Procurement and Information Technology Departments requests authorization and approval of a competitive procurement exemption pursuant to section 2-226(g)(12) of the City's code, which states:

- 2-226(g)(12): In the following cases, formal or informal competitive procurement shall not be required by this division (although same may be required by operation of state law such as F.S. § 255.20, (2021), and F.S. § 287.055, (2021), as amended, for example):
(12)_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:

- Authorization and approval of a competitive procurement exemption pursuant to Sec. 2-226(g)(12).
- Authorization and approval to process monthly payments to AT&T Mobility-CC for "FirstNet Cellular Services" for an amount not exceed \$117,000.00 from January 1, 2026 to September 30, 2026.

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. FirstNet has deployed a wireless broadband network dedicated to public safety in order to achieve these guarantees.

FirstNet allows our Public Safety (Fire and Police) and City departments to communicate back to the City's Network Operation Center (NOC) to access the CAD (E-911) and other City systems. The data path is an encrypted private wireless network that facilitates this connection. 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 amount: \$117,000.00

- January 1, 2026 to September 30, 2026.

Finance Director/Budget Manager Recommendation:

The Information Technology Department budgeted \$144,000 in FY2026 for the FirstNet Cellular Services from AT&T Mobility services.

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ATTACHMENTS:

[ATT Bill for Reference.pdf](#)