



Date: October 16, 2012

To: Thomas J. Bonfield, City Manager

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Subject: Amendment to the NCCU Agreement

Executive Summary

The City is embarking on a three year CIP project to upgrade the radio system. The cost of this \$13.2 million upgrade is to be shared equally with the County. In addition, two dispatch positions are included to upgrade the current dispatch consoles at North Carolina Central University (NCCU) which are connected to the Durham radio system. In 2009 NCCU entered into an agreement with the City providing for NCCU to pay to the City annual fees for the use of the Durham radio system. Now the City and NCCU wish to execute an amendment to the agreement for the reimbursement by NCCU to the City of the costs of the two radio dispatch console positions.

Recommendation

The Fleet Management Department recommends authorizing the City Manager to execute the Amendment of the NCCU Radio System Use Agreement in order to formalize the understanding of cost sharing and schedule of reimbursement by NCCU to the City.

Background

NCCU Public Safety has shared the use of the City's 800 MHz radio system since it was purchased in 1994. In 2009 the City and NCCU entered into an agreement to share the costs of managing and maintaining the radio system. Now the City and NCCU wish to enter into an Amendment to the Radio System Agreement to share the costs of this radio system upgrade.

Issues and Analysis

This Amendment to the Radio System Agreement will provide the basis for planned expenses over several years and an equitable sharing of costs between the City and

NCCU. This agreement will also allow the City and NCCU to continue to continue to use the radio system cooperatively to support public safety needs.

Alternatives

1. NCCU could reimburse the City up front their share of the upgrade costs.
2. The City could pay all costs and charge NCCU a fee for use of the new equipment.

Financial Impact

The total project is expected to cost \$13.2 million, of which the \$12.4 million is a contract with Motorola. Approximately \$205,000 of the total is to be reimbursed to the City by North Carolina Central University for their two dispatch console positions included in this project.

The remainder of the project costs will be shared by the City and the County, \$6,497,500 respectively

SDBE Summary

This agreement does not require a review for compliance with the City's Ordinance to Promote Equal Opportunity in City Contracting.

Attachments

Attachment 1: AMENDMENT TO THE RADIO AGREEMENT REGARDING THE 800 MHz RADIO SYSTEM UPGRADE