Legislation Text

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EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY FOR PAYMENT OF FEES TO CONTINUE PARTICIPATION IN THE REGIONAL WIRELESS COOPERATIVE
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Purpose and Recommended Action

This is a request for City Council to approve expenditure authorization by the City Manager to pay fees to the Regional Wireless Cooperative (RWC) in an amount not to exceed $1,475,092 for the remainder of Fiscal Year (FY) 2014-15.

Background

The RWC is a coalition designed to create efficiency and reduce costs for a valley-wide public safety communications system that includes both fire and police departments. The RWC includes the following cities and towns: Avondale, Buckeye, Chandler, El Mirage, Glendale, Goodyear, Guadalupe, Maricopa, Paradise Valley, Peoria, Phoenix, Scottsdale, Surprise, Tempe, and Tolleson. The RWC also includes the following fire districts: Daisy Mountain, Sun City, Sun City West, and Sun Lakes, as well as the Maricopa County Community College District.

Analysis

Continued participation in the RWC will provide public safety personnel with true radio interoperability between disciplines and departments in the Phoenix metropolitan area, for safety and coordination during major events and emergency situations. Additional benefits include enhanced radio coverage, system redundancy, and a mechanism for controlling network costs through the economy of scale provided by the cooperative.

Previous Related Council Action

On February 22, 2011, Council approved an intergovernmental agreement to participate in the RWC.

Budget and Financial Impacts

One-time and on-going costs have been budgeted by all participating departments.

Cost	Fund-Department-Account
$662,915	1000-12230-526800 Police Communications
$94,923	1000-12433-518200 Fire Resource Management RWC Expense
$3,780	1840-34091-522700 UASI Glendale FD TLO

$1,378	1840-33224-524400 UASI Glendale PD TLO
$361,984	2040-75012-551500 Police Digital Communications CIP

Capital Expense? Yes

Budgeted? Yes

Requesting Budget or Appropriation Transfer? No

If yes, where will the transfer be taken from?