

TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Information for Town Council Meeting on: November 10, 2020

To: Mayor and Town Council

Via: Kirk W. Blouin, Town Manager

From: Nicholas Caristo, Chief of Police

Re: Memorandum of Understanding between Municipal Public Safety
Communications Consortium (MPSCC) and Member Municipalities – Public
Safety Radio System Replacement Budget and Annual Operating Budget for
FY21
Resolution No. 108-2020

Date: October 23, 2020

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends Mayor and Town Council approve Resolution No. 108-2020, authorizing the execution of the attached Memorandum of Understanding between Municipal Public Safety Communications Consortium (MPSCC) and Member Municipalities regarding funding for the replacement budget of the Public Safety Radio System (Exhibit A) in the amount of \$65,302.33; and authorizing the FY21 annual operating budget payment in the amount of \$71,950.43 (Exhibit B).

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Town of Palm Beach is one of ten municipalities/agencies that participates in the Interlocal Agreement for Radio Communications which was recently approved at the May 2020 Town Council meeting and signed (July 07, 2020) by all parties (Attachment A). The signed agreement allows for the development of an annual operating budget (\$71,950.43) for the current radio system which is approved by the MPSCC Board and presented to participating members.

In addition, the attached newly drafted Memorandum of Understanding creates a collaboration of efforts between the MPSCC and agency members to fund the upgrade and replacement of the current Public Safety Radio System which is comprised of outdated technology and non-supported equipment.

The Board has created an annual funding goal of \$300,000, for approximately 7 years, which is allocated between 8 of the participating agencies based on anticipated radio breakdown by agency. While the City of West Palm Beach and the School Board are members and contribute to the annual operating budget, they are not contributing to the upgrade/replacement funding and have separate contracts with MPSCC. The City of West Palm Beach only uses the MPSCC system (Open-Sky) as their backup system and the School Board, while they do use Open-Sky, they allow MPSCC and its members access to all communications towers in its jurisdiction.

The actual upgrade/replacement will be completed in stages, while maintaining inter-agency operability within the County, thus allowing us to continue to meet the HB411 unfunded mandates that were passed in July 2019, in response to the Parkland, Florida shootings.

FUNDING

The Fiscal Year 2021 approved budget for the anticipated annual MPSCC operating cost for Police and Fire is \$86,600 (split Police 65%/Fire 35%). The actual MPSCC invoice for FY21 Approved Operating budget is \$71,950.43. The remaining General Fund budget balance of \$14,649.57 will be applied toward our portion of the MPSCC Upgrade/Replacement budget for FY21 in the amount of \$65,302.33, leaving an unfunded balance of \$50,652.76 for FY21. We are requesting these funds from the Town's General Fund Contingency.

Participating agencies have the option to submit the funds to MPSCC or set aside the funds in an account for use by MPSCC when project cost have been finalized and the replacement/grade begins in 5-7 years.

We are requesting that the \$14,649.57 from the FY21 Approved General Fund and \$50,652.76 from the Town's Contingency Fund be transferred and reserved in the Town's Equipment Replacement Fund and designated as the MPSCC Upgrade/Replacement Project.

Future radio system replacement funding will be contingent upon the Town's approved annual budgetary appropriations.

TOWN ATTORNEY REVIEW

The resolution and agreement have been reviewed and approved by the Town Attorney for legal form and sufficiency.

NC/lsg

Attachments

cc: Jane LeClainche, Finance Director
Darrel Donatto, Fire Rescue Chief
Ben Alma, Support Services Division Manager
Dean Mealy, Purchasing Manager
John C. Randolph, Town Attorney