

TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Information for Town Council Meeting on: May 10, 2022

TO: Mayor and Town Council

VIA: Kirk W. Blouin, Town Manager

VIA: Jane Le Clainche, CPA Finance Director

FROM: Dean Mealy II, NIGP-CPP, CPPO

RE: Approve a Purchase Order to Insight Public Safety in the Amount of \$80,052 for Twenty-eight Cradlepoints Wireless Router Devices for Public Safety Vehicles - **Resolution No. 061-2022**

DATE: April 28, 2022

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Town staff recommends that Town Council approve a Purchase Order to Insight Public Safety in the Amount of \$80,052 for Twenty-eight Cradlepoints Wireless Router Devices for Public Safety Vehicles.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The emergency services vehicles have suffered from poor cellular service and connectivity throughout the Island for many years. This, combined with the numerous locations on the Island that provide no coverage, resulted in major issues for the TOPB Public Safety Departments and the public for which they serve. 5G service has significantly improved cellular service on the Island in recent years. The Information Technology Department reached out to Verizon and AT&T to test 5G mobile modems. After extensively testing the modems in the Police and Fire vehicles, the IT Department found significant improvement in both coverage and speed. These findings were shared with the Public Safety Departments. The decision was made to move forward with upgrading emergency vehicles with the new 5G mobile modems and service. With everything else being equal, the Verizon Cradle Point Solution was chosen over AT&T because it provided a central administration portal that AT&T did not have.

PURCHASING BACKUP

Town Purchasing is Piggybacking the County of Fairfax Virginia Contract to secure these items for best pricing.

FUNDING/FISCAL IMPACT

Funding for this will be from the Public Safety Operations Budget.

USER DEPARTMENT CONCURRENCE

This item has been reviewed by the Information Technology Department in addition to the Police and Fire from an operational viewpoint from their vehicles and is approved as recommended.

TOWN ATTORNEY REVIEW

This format has been utilized by the Town in previous recommendations and was approved by the Town Attorney.