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Special Finance Committee

1. MARCS Emergency Radio Equipment Purchase

Chief Lee and Chief Tosko have requested Committee time for Council to consider the immediate purchase of new public safety radios that will allow the City to join the more reliable statewide emergency radio platform (MARCS, 800 megaherz). The MARCS radios will replace our current Motorola units that rely on outdated VHF technology that is subject to interference and dropped calls which endanger residents and our employees during emergency response. I have included a memo from Captain Jayme Cole and two emails from me to you (dated 12/15/16 and 7/18/17) that provide more details behind the need to make this radio upgrade and conversion. (attachments)

Administration Recommendation
This is an important upgrade that we had planned to include in our Capital Improvement Plan for purchase in 2018 but we have an opportunity to take advantage of a discount that will save the City approximately $20,000 if we make the purchase by the end of this month. Dave Coffee is recommending utilizing available Capital Reserve Funds to make the purchase now and I recommend Council's support.

Council Action
Authorize the approval of the public safety radio upgrade and allocation of the Capital Funds to pay for the purchase.

Public Hearing

The City Clerk has scheduled a public hearing for the Community Development Department to accept public comments on a substantial amendment to the City's Consolidated Plan.

Unauthorized Items

There are no unauthorized items submitted for Council's approval.

Executive Session

The staff is requesting an executive session to discuss the terms of the contract negotiations with the civilian, patrol and dispatch units of the Fraternal Order of the Police.

Information Items

1. Health Department Statistics

Jeff Neistadt has provided a copy of the statistical report for August 2017. Health Department revenues are up 17% ($82,632.31) and permits are down 7% (33 permits) in 2017 from 2016. (attachment)