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TO: EUSTIS CITY COMMISSION

FROM: TOM CARRINO, CITY MANAGER

DATE: March 7, 2024

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NUMBER 24-26: APPROVAL OF PURCHASE IN EXCESS OF \$50,000 FOR MOTOROLA IN CAR RADIOS

Introduction:

Resolution Number 24-26 approves a purchase in excess of \$50,000 for the Police Department to purchase and equip 35 police vehicles with Motorola in car radios. A transfer of funds from the communications fund to the machine and equipment and other contractual services funds will be required to complete the transaction.

Recommended Action:

The administration recommends approval of Resolution Number 24-26

Background:

The Eustis Police Department currently operates without in-car radios, relying solely on handheld devices for communication. This communication system hinders effective coordination among officers and compromises the safety of law enforcement operations. The acquisition of new in-car radios is essential to address these challenges and ensure optimal performance of the department.

We propose the purchase of thirty-five (35) Motorola APX 6500 Enh Series in-car radios for the Eustis Police Department. The selected radios have been extensively researched and identified for their advanced features, reliability, and compatibility with existing systems. These radios will provide clear, secure, and efficient communication channels for officers in the field, thereby enhancing operational effectiveness and safety.

Benefits:

Enhanced Communication: The Motorola APX 6500 radios offer advanced communication features, including improved audio quality and encryption capabilities, ensuring secure and effective communication among officers.

Officer Safety: The upgrade to in-car radios will enhance officer safety by providing reliable communication channels during emergency situations and critical operations.

Following the migration of the Eustis Police Department's communications center to the Lake County Sheriff's Office, there remains a residual balance of \$415,673.28 in the Eustis Police Communications Fund. This transition has resulted in a surplus of funds previously allocated for communications division within the department. To ensure these funds are

utilized effectively and in alignment with departmental needs, we propose transferring the residual balance to the Machine and Equipment and other Contractual Services Funds. This transfer will enable the procurement and installation of 35 in-car radios, a critical investment in enhancing communication capabilities for our officers. By reallocating these funds, we can maximize their utility towards improving operational efficiency and officer safety within the Eustis Police Department. Any additional funds will be utilized where needed within the department.

A quote for the in-car radios was provided by Lake County Public Safety and Support via Motorola. Lake County Public Safety Support Services purchases and maintains radios for all the law enforcement agencies in Lake County. They currently maintain our handheld Motorola radios. The list price for the in-car radios is \$8,094.12. The Eustis Police Department is receiving the radios for a sale price of \$5,986.47. Motorola is also providing a promotional discount of \$7,000.00. The total to purchase the 35 in car radios is \$202,526.45. The total for the installation of the in-car radios is \$6,825.00. The recurring yearly maintenance for the in-car radios is \$5,040.00, provided by the Lake County Public Safety Support Services. Total for the 35 in car radios with installation and yearly maintenance is \$214,388.45.

Budget/ Staff Impact:

The FY 2023/24 Capital Budget includes \$414,673.28 from the Eustis Police Department Communications Fund. This estimated purchase cost of \$214,388.45 will not exceed the budget allocation. The transfer of funds from the communications fund in excess of \$50,000.00 will only redistribute the expenditures to different accounts within the department.

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