



## AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

City Council

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### STAFF

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### SUBJECT

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**First Reading of Ordinance No. 108, 2023, Appropriating Prior Year Reserves in the General Fund for the Purchase of Police Radios.**

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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The purpose of this item is to request an appropriation in the amount of \$620,000 for the purchase of police handheld radios and approve the use of prior year reserves in the General Fund. There are currently 242 total handheld radios with 130 replaced in 2022. This leaves the remaining 112 radios needing to be replaced.

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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Staff recommends adoption of the Ordinance on First Reading.

### BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

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Police Services rely heavily on radio communication as their primary means for transmitting critical information to and between emergency responders. These devices allow field responders to receive and communicate not only life-saving information, but the information required to maintain the safety of the community, their partners, and their own personal safety. The ability to transmit information regarding an in-progress call or evolving situation is critical for responding personnel.

Having a supported and updated radio is critical to ensuring officer safety. Police Services utilizes the public safety emergency radio system on a continuous basis to communicate and receive updates from the 911 Center, convey information to other responders, and/or direct incoming resources for an incident. The current radio devices include handheld radios, mobile/vehicle radios, and dispatch radios. Currently, the handheld radios are in need of replacement.

Police Services utilizes Motorola radios, and the manufacturer has phased out the old APX AN model for the new APX BN model. Motorola will no longer support the old model in December of 2023. These radios will still function, but replacement parts will no longer be produced. Police Services has done well in extending the life of all radio equipment, with industry standards suggesting replacing handheld radios every 5-7 years. The remaining old Police Services handheld radios were purchased in 2013 and are 10 years old, beyond the suggested use standards. Out of the total 242 handheld radios, 130 radios were replaced with the newer BN model in 2022, leaving 112 still in need of replacement in 2023.

The cost to replace the remaining 112 radios is \$620,000 which equates to roughly \$5,500 per radio. The Manufactured Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) is \$7,500 and is reduced to \$5,500 when applying National Association of State Procurement Officials (NASPO) discount. If approved, the next step would be to order and replace the remaining radios in 2023.

### **CITY FINANCIAL IMPACTS**

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The requested funds (\$620,000) were held in assigned reserves within the General Fund last year in anticipation of this purchase.

### **BOARD / COMMISSION / COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

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Not applicable.

### **PUBLIC OUTREACH**

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None.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

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1. Ordinance for Consideration