



MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Vicki Chiavetta, Deputy City Manager

Date: March 18, 2020

Reference: Consider approval of an addendum to the Consolidated Public Safety Communications and Dispatch Operations Agreement transferring ownership to NTECC of shared components of the Harris radio system and all associated agreements and authorizing the City Manager to sign.

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Introduction:

The four cities who are party to the consolidated Public Safety Communication and Dispatch Operations Agreement, Farmers Branch, Addison, Carrollton and Coppell, have agreed that ownership of the Harris radio system and all associated agreements should be conveyed to NTECC to improve NTECC's ability to effectively manage the system for the benefit of the Cities. This request is to approve an addendum to the current Agreement that will accomplish the following:

- Convey our undivided ownership interest in the Harris radio system shared components to NTECC
- Assign various L3-Harris agreements that were originally with Farmers Branch to NTECC with NTECC assuming all obligations (including payment obligations) and
- Authorize NTECC and its contractors and subcontractors to enter each city's property to operate, maintain, repair, remove, and replace the radio system equipment as needed.

Analysis:

The original Operations Agreement had anticipated that the cities would assign the radio system to NTECC at some point in time. NTECC has been managing the system since 2014 but is not a party to the Harris Agreement, making it more difficult to make timely decisions and to enter into agreements for future upgrades to the System. Approving this addendum will allow NTECC to serve the cities more efficiently. The costs of operating and maintaining the radio system would continue

to be divided among the four cities in accordance with the originally agreed split under the Radio System Interlocal Agreement.

Legal Review:

Reviewed by Kevin Laughlin of NJDHS

Fiscal Impact:

None

Recommendation:

Recommend approval of the addendum to consolidated Public Safety Communications and Dispatch Operations Agreement (Radio System Transfer).