



Memorandum

Date: Thursday, September 27, 2018

To: Bruce D. Glasscock, City Manager
Jim Parrish, Deputy City Manager

From: Chris Chiancone, Chief Information Officer

Subject: **Agreement between the City of Plano and the City of Allen for a Joint Communications System for Municipal Services**

Background

The cities of Plano and Allen entered into an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) in 2009 to provide public safety radio service for themselves and other entities in Collin County. Through this agreement, Plano and Allen own the primary master sites for the management of agency IDs and radio frequencies for the radio system. Plano and Allen will manage the system as well as future growth in the number of subscribers to it.

The existing ILA expires in calendar year 2019. Plano and Allen have agreed to approve the new agreement in order to set new rates for upcoming fiscal years for existing subscribers and entities that may join the radio system in the future. The second objective is to ensure cost neutrality for the cities of Plano and Allen. This ILA replaces the prior partnership agreement and establishes a new rate structure for current and future subscribers on the Joint System Radio network.

Due to the upcoming addition of Collin County to the radio network and a technology upgrade required to enhance services on the network, the ILA between the two cities requires modifications and updating.

After its initial one year term, the updated ILA will be automatically renewed annually without expiration, allowing for either Party to terminate the agreement at any time with a one (1) year termination notice, to allow each party the opportunity to recover their investment.

Process and Approval Justification

The updated ILA went first to the City of Allen's City Council and has been approved. The last step in the process is approval by the City Council of Plano.

The partnership between Plano and Allen greatly improved public safety services for citizens of both cities and radio communications with and for entities within Collin County. The updated ILA strengthens this service and creates opportunities to enhance public safety for the entire County.

The end goal of the changes and renewal of the ILA is to continue the longstanding and successful joint ownership of the system. The investment from Plano and Allen, along with the other subscribing members over the years, have provided an opportunity to build a robust and redundant public safety radio system, that would have been cost prohibitive for a single agency. By continuing our commitment to shared services and costs, citizens benefit through a lower total cost of ownership and high levels of resilience for our public safety agencies along with general government radio users.

Dollar Value

The future value of this agreement will be realized in Fiscal Year 2019-2020 with the introduction of a new rate scheduled for subscribers on the Plano and Allen Joint Radio System.

Impact if not approved by Council

The public safety enhancements included in the technology upgrade and updating of the ILA will be delayed along with the increased coverage gained by incorporating Collin County into the radio network.