



Approval for Fire Department to Purchase Replacement Mobile Radios and Accessories

City Council Meeting
April 12, 2022

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CURRENT

- The Fire Department's mobile radios are obsolete (over 15 years old)
- Parts are difficult, if not impossible to obtain
- The current radios are no longer compliant with industry standards
 - P25 – allowing interoperability between legacy and modern equipment
 - FIRESCOPE which dictates statewide OES mutual aid required radio channel frequency and capacity
- Radios in use for The Fire Department in response to emergencies 7 days a week, year round

PROPOSED

- Utilize H-GAC Cooperative Agreement to purchase replacement radios
- Use authorized Measure O funds thru budget adjustment February 15, 2022.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Fire and Finance Departments that the Council, by resolution: 1) approve use of the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) Cooperative Agreement (Contract Number RA05-21) with Motorola Solutions, Inc. to issue a purchase order for Motorola radios, equipment, and installation in an amount not to exceed \$666,000 to modernize and replace aging radio systems used by the Fire Department; and 2) authorize the Assistant City Manager to negotiate and execute any necessary agreement(s) to complete the purchase.

Questions?