



## AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading for the City Council Meeting of October 18, 2022  
Second Reading for the City Council Meeting of October 25, 2022

**DATE:** October 18, 2022  
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**Approval to accept a grant award from the Commission on State Emergency  
Communication under the Texas 9-1-1 Entity subrecipient subaward grant contract**

### **CAPTION:**

Ordinance authorizing the acceptance of a grant from the Commission on State Emergency Communication under the Texas 9-1-1 Entity subrecipient subaward grant contract in the amount of \$317,845.60 for the implementation of the NexGen 9-1-1 system; and appropriating \$317,845.60 in the Police Grants Fund.

### **SUMMARY:**

This ordinance authorizes the acceptance of a grant and appropriation of funds from the Commission on State Emergency Communications to cover the cost of implementing the NexGen 9-1-1 (NG9-1-1) service including equipment and administration costs.

### **BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:**

In May 2021, the Texas Legislature passed House Bill 2911 (HB 2911) amending the Health and Safety Code Chapter 771 to establish September 1, 2025, as the target date for "all parts of the state [to] be covered by next generation 9-1-1 service." HB 2911 includes new the Health and Safety Code § 771.0713 creating the NG9-1-1 Fund and authorizing it to be funded with "Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds under Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Pub. L. No. 117-2) or from any other federal governmental source for purposes of this chapter."

The evolution of emergency calling beyond the traditional voice 9-1-1 call has caused the City's current E9-1-1 system to no longer be able to support the needs of the future. Instead, the modern NG9-1-1 network replaces the existing 9-1-1 network which only carries voice and very limited data. The new NG9-1-1 system will allow a caller to send information to dispatchers about an emergency through videos, text messages, or photos. In order to take advantage of the NG9-1-1 system, the City's current 9-1-1 network must be upgraded to high-speed broadband. MetroCom 911 services all of Nueces County and will continue to do so with the upgrade to NG9-1-1.

CCPD presented this item to the MetroCom Operations Committee, where it was agreed upon during the FY 2023 Budget process. The NexGen 911 upgrade and budget were presented to the MetroCom Board on July 18, 2022 and were approved by both the Mayor and County Judge.

Upon approval of this item by City Council, CCPD and the IT Department will begin the following processes:

- Verify GIS mapping
- 911 Call Routing and Location
- NG 911 ESInet Updgrade
- Next Gen 911 Core services upgrade
- Integrate PSAP 911 call taking systems and NexGen applications
- Integrate security systems into network
- Operational planning, training, and implementation

The overall timeline is expected to take one year to complete. It will be based on the bid process, CAD upgrade completion, and mapping accuracy. CCPD expects to go out for bid by November 2022.

In order to receive funding for this project, the City had to submit a grant application in July 2022 which contained the specifics of the NG9-1-1 Grant project, including a project plan and a budget plan detailing implementation of the NG9-1-1 project.

The grant budget period is October 1, 2022, to December 31, 2024.

#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

The alternative is not to accept the grant. However, this will create a risk for not implementing NG9-1-1 by the mandated date of September 1, 2025.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

There is no financial impact at this time. There is no cash match required.

#### **Funding Detail**

Fund	1061 Police Grant Fund
Mission Element:	152
Account:	520090 – Minor Tools & Equipment

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends accepting and appropriating the grant award, as presented.

#### **LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

Signed contract document