

#### AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting March 18, 2025

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# Purchase of 50 Mobile Communication Radios for the Corpus Christi Police Department

#### **CAPTION:**

Resolution authorizing the purchase of 40 additional and 10 replacement L3Harris mobile communication radio systems from Dailey and Wells Communications, of San Antonio, Texas, for the Corpus Christi Police Department in the amount of \$203,845.00, with FY 2025 funding in the amount of \$167,826.60 from the Fleet Equipment Replacement Fund and \$36,018.40 from the Crime Control and Prevention District Fund.

#### **SUMMARY:**

This item is a motion to approve the purchase of 40 additional and 10 replacement L3Harris mobile communication radios systems for the Corpus Christi Police Department's (CCPD) patrol vehicles.

### **BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:**

Marked patrol vehicles require a public safety radio to receive dispatch communications and communicate with other officers. In addition, marked patrol vehicles require a mobile data terminal, dash cameras, and a mobile connection back to the Corpus Christi Police Department (CCPD) network to receive calls for service, capture criminal activity for prosecutorial purposes, and generate offense reports.

The addition of this equipment will allow CCPD to fully upfit 40 additional and 10 replacement Ford F-150 Responders, which were approved for purchase in February 2025. This item is for the

purchase of the equipment only (the upfitting costs for these vehicles were part of the purchase of 72 Police vehicles that was approved by City Council in February 2025). The equipment will be installed by Gulf Coast Fleet & Truck Equipment, of Corpus Christi, which is certified as an emergency vehicle upfitting company and is also a certified Panasonic equipment installer. Once the 40 additional and 10 replacement Ford F-150 Responders are upfitted and delivered, CCPD will have 220 marked patrol units available to serve the community. This increase is in line with CCPD's optimum fleet goal of 240 marked units.

The purchase of the 40 additional and 10 replacement L3Harris mobile communication radios systems also includes accompanying equipment and software. The equipment has a five-year warranty.

This item is part of an FY 2025 Budget Initiative for the purchase of 75 Police vehicles and upfitting. 72 of the 75 vehicles were approved for purchase by City Council in February 2025. City staff will present an item to City Council to purchase the three remaining vehicles when they become available.

This item will allow for the purchase of 50 of the 75 L3Harris mobile communication radios systems needed for the 75 Police vehicles that are part of the FY 2025 Budget Initiative. City staff will present an item to City Council for the purchase of the remaining 25 L3Harris mobile communication radios systems in the coming months.

#### **PROCUREMENT DETAIL:**

The purchase of 40 additional and 10 replacement L3Harris mobile communication radios systems from Dailey and Wells Communications, Inc. Dailey and Wells Communications, Inc. offers the City discount savings of approximately 26.7% from list pricing, resulting in a total savings of \$72,810.00 (\$1,456.20 per unit).

The purchase of 40 additional and 10 replacement L3Harris mobile communication radios systems from Dailey and Wells Communications, Inc. is through three statutory exceptions in the Local Government Code, Sections 252.022(a)(2), (a)(7)(A), and (a)(7)(D), as this procurement: (i) is necessary to preserve or protect the public health or safety of the municipality's residents; (ii) is available from only one source due to patents, copyrights, secret processes, or natural monopolies; and (iii) consists of captive replacement parts or components for equipment, respectively.

#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

The alternative is not to approve the purchase of the 40 additional and 10 replacement L3Harris mobile communication radios systems; however, this will mean that 50 CCPD patrol vehicles will not have mobile communication radios systems. This will result in 50 patrol vehicles not being able to be placed into service.

## **FISCAL IMPACT:**

FY 2025 funding in the amount of \$203,845.00 for the purchase of 40 additional and 10 replacement L3Harris mobile communication radio systems will come from the Fleet Replacement Fund and the Crime Control and Prevention District Fund.

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## **Funding Detail:**

Fund: 5111 Fleet Replacement Fund

Organization/Activity: 11112
Department: 13
Project # (CIP Only): N/A
Account: 520090
Amount: \$167,823.60

Fund: 9010
Organization/Activity: 11717
Department: 29
Project # (CIP Only): N/A
Account: 520090
Amount: \$36,018.40

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of the purchase of 40 additional and 10 replacement L3Harris mobile communication radio systems, as presented.

# **LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

Resolution Price Sheet