

AGENDA MEMORANDUM Action Item for the City Council Meeting January 26, 2021

- **DATE:** January 26, 2021
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Cellular Phones and Phone Services for City of Corpus Christi

CAPTION:

Motion authorizing a three-year service agreement with Cellco Partnership dba Verizon Wireless in an amount not to exceed \$1,242,409.32 for cellular phones and phone services, effective upon issuance of a notice to proceed, with FY 2021 funding in an amount of \$414,136.39 available in various funds.

SUMMARY:

This motion authorizes a three-year service agreement with Cellco Partnership dba Verizon Wireless to provide cellular phones and phone services for the City of Corpus Christi.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The Information Technology department handles the management and procurement of devices and services. The cellular voice service includes unlimited calls, texts, and data, on cellular voice devices with no limits on throttling at any point. The cellular voice service includes preemption services for first responders which will provide priority service in the event network resources become congested.

Contracts and Procurement conducted a competitive Request for Proposals process to obtain proposals from qualified firms to provide cellular phones and phone service. The evaluation committee included City staff from the Information Technology Department

and the Strategic Planning Initiative Department. The City received three proposals, one proposal being nonresponsive, and evaluated them against the published criteria. Interviews were conducted, and pricing was evaluated. The final scores were tabulated for each firm to determine the highest-ranking firm offering the best value to the City. Staff is recommending award to Cellco Partnership dba Verizon Wireless as the highest-ranking firm.

ALTERNATIVES:

An alternative would be the City would not have cellular phone services and not be able to communicate with departments and have to depend on landlines to communicate.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact for the various departments in FY 2021 is an amount not to exceed \$414,136.39, with the remaining cost to be budgeted in future years.

Funding Detail:

Various accounting sources available upon request.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of this motion authorizing a three-year service agreement with Cellco Partnership dba Verizon Wireless as presented.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Evaluation Matrix Service Agreement