

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

02-474

AGENDA:

SEPTEMBER 9, 2002

SUBJECT:

CITYWIDE PUBLIC
SAFETY CELL PHONE
CONTRACT

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

SUBMITTED BY:

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ITEM _____

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA**

SYNOPSIS —

Through the direction of the City Manager, the Finance and Information Technology Departments explored the cost-saving potential available through a Citywide cell phone contract for all Public Safety cell phone users. U.S. Cellular (3601 - 109th Street, Urbandale, IA) was found to have met all minimum service requirements and is available through the State of Iowa Contract CT 1993 at an estimated annual cost of \$120,341 per year. The new contract will result in savings of \$25,636.44 per year.

FISCAL IMPACT —

The funding for the services and equipment will come from the various departmental operating budgets at a Citywide annual savings of \$25,636.44.

RECOMMENDATION —

Approval of a 24-month contract for U.S. Cellular wireless telecommunication services and equipment available through State of Iowa Contract CT 1993.

BACKGROUND —

The City had, as of March 30, 2002, over 600 cell phone users, costing nearly \$290,000 per year. A contract with Nextel effective April 2002 saved \$42,000 per year for non-Police and Fire users. The number of phones is divided almost equally between Public Safety (Police and Fire) and all other departments combined.

Based on a review of revised plan proposals for Police and Fire users, U.S. Cellular became the preferred vendor to serve Police and Fire. Because there is a State of Iowa Contract in place with U.S. Cellular, we were able to move quickly to make arrangements for the service. A sample form of contract, which will cover cell phone service for the next 24 months, is presented for your approval and is attached to the roll call.

