

 <p style="text-align: center;">Council Communication Office of the City Manager</p>	Date: June 28, 2010
	Agenda Item No. 23 Roll Call No. <u>10-1034</u> Communication No. 10-394 Submitted by: Judy A. Bradshaw, Chief of Police

AGENDA HEADING:

Approval of amendment to contracts between the City and SAGA Communications, dated January 25, 2010, in order to assist SAGA Communications to modify and reinforce radio tower sites to support electronic equipment associated with the Metro Interoperability Communications System (MICS).

SYNOPSIS:

On January 25, 2010, the City Council approved leasing contracts with SAGA Communications to provide tower space for electronic equipment utilized by the MICS which will provide public safety emergency radio coverage throughout Polk County. Upon completion of a tower analysis by a qualified engineering firm, it was discovered that the existing radio towers would require modification and reinforcement to support the MICS equipment. SAGA Communications is willing to collaborate with the City to cover the expenses of the modifications. The total cost of the modification may exceed \$100,000. SAGA Communications management has requested that the City pay half of the modification and reinforcement expenses, up to a total of \$50,000.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$50,000

Funding Source: 2010-11 Operating Budget, State Forfeited Funds, SP324, POL982200, page 255.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The MICS is being constructed by the City of Des Moines to allow for public safety mobile radio communications between all police, sheriff and fire agencies in Polk County. This effort is in cooperation with the Polk County Sheriff’s Office and the City of West Des Moines.

During the planning stage of this system, four tower sites were identified as acceptable antenna sites to allow for the required communication coverage throughout Polk County. They are the Ruan Building in Des Moines, the 88th Street Water Tower in West Des Moines, and SAGA Communications towers located in Alleman and Vandalia.

Upon obtaining a lease with SAGA Communications and meeting with Tait Communications who identified equipment to provide the required radio coverage, a tower analysis was completed on both the Alleman and Vandalia towers to determine if the towers would support the equipment. It was determined

at the conclusion of the analysis that modification and reinforcement of both tower structures was required.

Contractually, the City is required to fund any tower construction needed to accommodate the equipment. The modifications to the two towers may cost in excess of \$100,000. SAGA Communications management has offered to assist the City in construction costs. SAGA Communications has proposed that the City pay half of the costs to modify and reinforce both towers, not to exceed a total cost of \$50,000. SAGA Communications' proposal is in the best interest of the City MICS project and the Chief of Police has approved State Forfeited money to fund the tower modifications.

Because this work is associated with the initial lease contract, it is necessary to amend the lease agreements on both radio towers. An amendment to the original lease contracts has been constructed by City staff and approved by SAGA Communications. The Police Department requests approval of the amendment by the City Council, authorizing the Mayor to sign said amendment.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: January 25, 2010

Roll Call Number: 10-121

Action: Contract with SAGA Communications/Des Moines Radio Group for access to radio tower sites in Alleman and Vandalia (five years with three five-year renewal options) for the Metro Interoperability Communications System. (Council Communication No. 10-055) Moved by Coleman to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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