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	<p>Agenda Item No. 35</p> <p>Roll Call No. <u>11-1380</u></p> <p>Communication No. <u>11-532</u></p> <p>Submitted by: Judy A. Bradshaw, Chief of Police</p>

AGENDA HEADING:

Approval of purchase of Emergency Radio System Voter Receivers from WSCA Contract.

SYNOPSIS:

The City Radio Services Section desires to replace Voting Receiver Equipment from Tait North America, 15342 Park Row, Houston, Texas 60196, Steve Craig, President. Tait Equipment is currently being utilized in the City’s emergency radio system. The Voting Receivers now in service are 15 years old and require upgrading to avoid increased repair. The City’s Procurement Administrator and the Police Department desire to purchase this equipment from the Western States Contracting Alliance.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$59,318.50

Funding Source: GE001, POL 990000, MSC005, City Projects/City Wide Radio Equipment Replacement. Recommended Capital Improvement Program 2010-2011/2015-2016, Miscellaneous Improvements-5.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The Police Department and the City’s Radio Services Section have been in the process of upgrading the City’s Emergency Radio System over the past few years. Part of the upgrade is to meet narrow banding requirements ordered by the Federal Communications Commission. During this process certain upgrades in equipment became obvious to Radio Services personnel. One of the needed upgrades involves the replacement of the Voter Receivers system. These Voters are 15 years old and are beginning to show signs of wear and suspected productivity. Replacing them should reduce maintenance expenses as well as allow more advanced technology to improve our systems reliability and upgrade the equipments power efficiency. The new equipment will also possess remote monitoring of the Voters allowing faster trouble shooting. Due to a better design the new Voters will be smaller in size, which will reduce the amount of space required to house them.

The Police Department and the Radio Services Section would like to install the new Voters at the earliest possible date. Sufficient funding exists at this time in the CIP to purchase these Voters, which should not exceed \$59,318.50.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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