

 <p style="text-align: center;">Council Communication Office of the City Manager</p>	Date: May 18, 2015
	Agenda Item No. 49E Roll Call No. <u>15-843</u> Communication No. <u>15-245</u> Submitted by: Dana Wingert, Chief of Police

AGENDA HEADING:

Approval to purchase replacement computer workstations for the Emergency 911 Dispatch Center.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend City Council approval to purchase replacement computer workstations for the City’s Emergency 911 Dispatch Center. The Des Moines E911 Emergency Dispatch Center provides communication services for both Police and Fire Department. The current computer workstations are approaching five (5) years old and are out of warranty. The vital function of this equipment coupled with the 24/7 usage of each workstation, makes the replacement a priority to ensure no interruptions in public safety communications.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$ 49,871.85

Funding Source: E911 (PD222377) found on page 192 of the Recommended Budget Department Detail for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2016

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The Des Moines E911 Dispatch Center operates 24 hours a day, every day of the year. The computer workstations are vital pieces of equipment to the operation of the center. The current equipment will reach five (5) years of age within the next two (2) months. The warranty upon purchase was for three (3) years and has already expired. Extending the warranty or repairing the aged equipment would not be cost effective. The new workstations will operate at new energy efficiency levels, increased processing speed, and allow additional programing to be added to increase communication operators’ effectiveness.

The Emergency Dispatch Center currently utilizes Hewlett Packard work stations. Upgrading these workstations with similar Hewlett Packard equipment ensures continued compatibility with other existing equipment used in the Dispatch Center. The City Procurement Office has indicated that the purchase will be made using Western States Contracting Alliance (WSCA) pricing.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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