


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

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AGENDA HEADING:

Request approval for the Police Department to purchase cellular and wireless data service on the FirstNet Network provided by AT&T Mobility LLC a subsidiary of AT&T Inc., 100 Lenox Park, Brookhaven, Georgia, David Christopher, President.

SYNOPSIS:

The Police Department recommends approval to purchase monthly cellular and wireless data services plan from AT&T Mobility to provide access to the FirstNet Network. The network provides elevated channels of communications dedicated to first responders to eliminate delays due to high public volume. The network connectivity is anticipated to include 190 cellular phones and approximately 140 wireless data cards for police vehicles and fire apparatuses. The Police Department currently has cellular and wireless data services through other wireless service providers; however, no termination fees are anticipated in relation to the transition to the new network.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount:

- \$81,000 annually for cellular phone service plans. This is an increase of \$3,960 annually compared to the current cellular service provider.
- \$70,000 for wireless data transmission services for police vehicles and fire apparatuses. This is an increase of \$2,116.80 annually to allow for elevated services.
- \$8,400 in purchase of replacement phones. These costs would potentially be offset by credits received from AT&T Mobility.

Funding Source:

- The cellular service is included in the Police Department operating budget, Page 203, of the Recommended Operating Budget, Department Detail for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021.
- The wireless data service is funded in the 911 operating budget, Page 201, of the Recommended Operating Budget, Department Detail for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- FirstNet is an independent authority within the U.S. Department of Commerce. Authorized by Congress in 2012, its mission is to develop, build and operate the nationwide broadband network that equips first responders to save lives and protect U.S. communities.

- The Police Department will not incur any penalties when switching to FirstNet (AT&T). This will be accomplished with a staggered approach; not all phones/devices will switch at once. The City will move phones & devices in waves to better manage the transition and avoid penalties.
- The Fire Department has largely completed the transition to FirstNet.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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