

## CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

**FROM:** The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** August 14, 2017

**SUBJECT:** Authorize payment to Motorola Solutions, Inc. for public safety radios

and software in the amount of \$59,267.34.

**PRESENTER:** Billy Owens, Emergency Management Coordinator

## **SUMMARY:**

Staff is requesting authorization for payment to Motorola Solutions, Inc. for the Motorola WAVE radio software (\$32,232.78) and also six portable radios and their accessories (\$27,034.56). The Motorola WAVE software will allow city staff to use their smartphones to monitor and communicate on the public safety radio system.

## **GENERAL DESCRIPTION:**

The Motorola WAVE system is software that will allow staff the ability to both monitor and communicate on the radio system on their smartphones. This system will allow the phones to be used as if it were a standalone radio. North Richland Hills, along with Haltom City and Watauga, will be utilizing this system for command staff and select supervisory positions. This program will be implemented and managed from the Office of Emergency Management.

This purchase also includes six portable radios and accessories from Motorola. These radios will be for police department personnel. Both of these purchases are being covered almost entirely from Tarrant County 9-1-1 funds. The city will cover a small difference of \$666.56 that will come from the Office of Emergency Management's radio maintenance funds.

These items are being purchased through Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) Cooperative Contract No. RA05-15. Chapter 271 of Texas Local Government Code provides that a local government that purchases items through a state cooperative contract satisfies any state law requiring the local government to seek competitive bids for the purchase of the items.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Authorize payment to Motorola Solutions, Inc. for public safety radios and software in the amount of \$59,267.34.