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City Council

Approval of a Resolution Affirming the Terms of the Thurston 9-1-1 Communications Amended and Restated Intergovernmental Agreement for Communications Services

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Title

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Recommended Action

Committee Recommendation:

Not referred to a committee

City Manager Recommendation:

Move to approve the resolution affirming the terms on the Thurston County 9-1-1 Communications Amended and Restated Intergovernmental Agreement for Communications Services, dated October 2010.

Report

Issue:

Whether to affirm the terms on the Thurston County 9-1-1 Communications Amended and Restated Intergovernmental Agreement for Communications Services.

Staff Contact:

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Presenter(s):

None - Consent Calendar item

Background and Analysis:

In the 2019 legislative session, the Washington State Legislature passed ESSB 5272, which increased the limitation on sales/use taxation for emergency communications from 1/10th-of-one percent to 2/10ths-of-one percent. The Governor signed the bill into law on May 7, with an effective date of July 28, 2019. TCOMM911 has requested the Thurston County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) to place the local-option measure on the November 2019 ballot. If approved, this measure will enable TCOMM911 to fund the radio replacement project, expected to be

approximately \$30 million, as well as cover operations and maintenance expenses associated with a new system.

RCW 82.14.420, Sales and Use Tax for Emergency Communication Systems and Facilities, section 1, paragraph 5, requires “prior to submitting the tax authorization in subsection (2) of this section to the voters in a county that provides emergency communication services to a governmental agency pursuant to a contract, the parties to the contract must review and negotiate or affirm the terms of the contract.”

The BoCC requires each party to the Thurston 911 Communications Intergovernmental Agreement, dated October 2010, to review and affirm the agreement.

Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):

N/A

Options:

1. Affirm the terms of the Thurston 9-1-1 Communications Amended and Restated Intergovernmental Agreement for communications services to allow the BoCC the ability to place a local-option sales/use tax measure on the November 2019 ballot.
2. Do not affirm the terms of the Thurston 9-1-1 Communications Amended and Restated Intergovernmental Agreement for communications services to deny the BoCC the ability to place a local-option sales/use tax measure on the November 2019 ballot.

Financial Impact:

None. If approved, the TCOMM911 radio replacement project will be financed through the sales/use tax increase proposed for the November 2019 ballot.

Attachments:

Resolution
2010 Agreement