

City of Fort Worth, Texas

Mayor and Council Communication

DATE: 10/31/23

M&C FILE NUMBER: M&C 23-0907

LOG NAME: 04UNIFIED COMMUNICATIONS GRANITE TELECOMMUNICATIONS

SUBJECT

(ALL) Authorize a City Secretary Contract for Unified Communications as a Service with Granite Telecommunications, LLC., at Multiple City of Fort Worth Sites Using Cooperative Contract Omnia Contract No. R200901, at an Annual Cost Not to Exceed \$299,313.00 for the Information Technology Solutions Department

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize a City Secretary contract for Unified Communications as a Service with Granite Government Solutions, at multiple City of Fort Worth sites using Cooperative Contract Omnia Contract No. R200901, at an annual cost not to exceed \$299,313.00 for the Information Technology Solutions Department.

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) is to authorize the execution of a cooperative services agreement with Granite Government Solutions through OMNIA Partners contract R200901. Granite Government Solutions will be providing our Plain Old Telephone Services (POTS) lines we currently have through AT&T, and give us a price lock guaranteed on all analog phone lines for one year. Granite Government Solutions will also provide a monthly service for 40 locations in which their device provides the phone line connection for the fire alarm, intrusion detection systems, and emergency elevator phones.

This agreement will be effective on or after June 15, 2023, pending regulatory approval where such approval is required.

Services currently provided by AT&T will no longer be available for purchase by new or existing customers in the forty-eight (48) contiguous United States, as well as in Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. AT&T will no longer allow new orders, renewal of service agreements, or requests for physical changes to our existing service (including moves to different service addresses), unless our contract expressly allows such orders or changes. Following the expiration of our current term agreement, AT&T will provide service on a month-to-month basis until service is discontinued. AT&T currently plans to discontinue the service on or after October 30, 2026. During any month-to-month service period, AT&T may change the rates, terms, and conditions of the service upon notification.

COOPERATIVE PURCHASE: State law provides that a local government purchasing an item under a cooperative purchasing agreement satisfies State laws requiring that the local government seek competitive bids for purchase of the item. Cooperative contracts have been competitively bid to increase and simplify the purchasing power of local government entities across the State of Texas.

AGREEMENT TERM: Upon City Council approval, the agreement will become effective and expire September 30, 2024 in accordance with OMNIA contract no. R200901. The agreement may be renewed for one one-year term.

RENEWAL OPTIONS: This agreement may be renewed for one one-year renewal term at the City's option. This action does not require specific City Council approval provided that the City Council has appropriated sufficient funds to satisfy the City's obligations during the renewal terms.

SUCCESSOR CONTRACTS: In the event the OMNIA agreement is not renewed, staff would cease purchasing at the end of the last purchase agreement coinciding with a valid cooperative agreement. If the City Council were to not appropriate funds for a future year, staff would stop making purchases when the last appropriation expires, regardless of whether the then-current purchase agreement has expired.

The City will initially use the OMNIA contract to make purchases authorized by this M&C. The Cooperative Contract is set to expire September 30, 2025. If OMNIA contract R200901 is extended, this M&C authorizes the City to purchase similar equipment and supplies under the extended contract. If R200901 is not extended but OMNIA executes a new cooperative contract with Granite Telecommunications, LLC, and with substantially similar terms, this M&C authorizes the City to purchase the services under the new cooperative contract. If this occurs, in no event will the City continue to purchase services under the new agreement for more than three (3) years without seeking Council approval.

ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGE ORDER - An administrative change order or increase may be made by the City Manager up to the amount allowed by relevant law and the Fort Worth City Code and does not require specific City Council approval as long as sufficient funds have been appropriated.

BUSINESS EQUITY: A goal is not assigned when purchasing from an approved purchasing cooperative or public entity.

Funding is budgeted in the Data/Voice Network & Internet account in the ITS Circuits Department within the Info Technology Systems Fund.

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that upon approval of the recommendation, funds are available in the current operating budget, as appropriated,

in the Info Technology Systems Fund. Prior to an expenditure being made, the Information Technology Solutions Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds.

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