

Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 0404SOUTHWESTERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY COMM SYS AGREEME

SUBJECT

Authorize the Execution of a Communications System Agreement with the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary for Participation in the City of Fort Worth's Two-Way Public Safety Radio System at No Cost to the City of Fort Worth (ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS)

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the execution of a Communications System Agreement with the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary for participation in the City of Fort Worth's two-way Public Safety Radio System at no cost to the City of Fort Worth.

DISCUSSION:

The City of Fort Worth (City) maintains Agreements to provide access to its two-way radio system by other public safety agencies primarily in Tarrant, Johnson, Dallas, Denton, Ellis and Parker counties. In return for this access, external agencies help offset the City's expenses through the payment of annual fees. In addition, access to the Fort Worth Public Safety Radio System by multiple jurisdictions enhances the ability of emergency responders to communicate with one another when responding to incidents.

In March 2020, the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (SWBTS) approved a Communications System Agreement to operate on the City's Public Safety Radio System. SWBTS will provide its own radios but will utilize the City's radio infrastructure for its public safety communications.

To ensure the software levels of the radio system remain current and under support, the City utilizes a Motorola System Upgrade Agreement that encompasses all external agencies that maintain dispatch consoles. The use of a single Software Agreement to cover all users results in a 14 percent discount in the cost for all agencies, including the City. If applicable, SWBTS will reimburse the City for its portion of the System Upgrade Agreement.

The initial annual revenue is estimated at \$11,880.00.

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that upon approval of the above recommendation and execution of the agreement, funds will be deposited into the General Fund. The Information Technology Solutions Department (and Financial Management Services) is responsible for the collection and deposit of funds due to the City.

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