City of Fort Worth, Texas Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 04SOUTHWEST BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY RADIO SUBSCRIBER SERV

SUBJECT

Authorize Execution of a Radio Subscriber Services Agreement with the Southwest Baptist Theological Seminary for the Provision of Two-Way Radio Support Services 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 Radio Subscriber Services Agreement with the Southwest Baptist Theological Seminary for the provision of two-way radio support services at no cost to the City of Fort Worth.

DISCUSSION:

The City of Fort Worth (City) maintains Agreements with other public safety agencies in North Central Texas to provide access to its Public Safety Communications System. Some agencies have expressed interest in having the City extend its support to the programming, repair and maintenance of their two-way radios and other hardware and software used to access the City's Public Safety Communications System.

In February 2020, the Southwest Baptist Theological Seminary (SWBTS) approved a Radio Subscriber Services Agreement for its Police Department. Under this agreement, the City will install, configure, maintain and repair certain public safety emergency response equipment. SWBTS will reimburse the City for all labor and material costs associated with these services. The City's performance of these additional services will not impact its ability to meet City department requirements. It will, however, provide additional external revenues to help support the Public Safety Communications System. It will also ensure that the equipment supporting the users of the City's radio system is operating within manufacturer specifications, which is a critical requirement of the digital technology used with the City's communications system. Annual fees are estimated to total approximately \$5,000.00.

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that upon approval of the above recommendation, 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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