

MOTION

On October 1, 2014, the Public Safety Committee (PSC) considered a request from the Mayor relative to the Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System (LA-RICS) contracting authority for the Public Safety Wireless Broadband Network project to allow access to City-owned and operated sites (C.F. 12-0590-S3).

The transmittal from the Mayor dated September 18, 2014, authorizes the General Manager of the Department of General Services, or designee, to:

- a. Negotiate and execute a master site access agreement with the Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System (LA-RICS) Joint Powers Authority to access, construct, integrate, and maintain the Public Safety Broadband Network at City sites, for a term not to exceed fifteen (15) years, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality; and,
- b. Negotiate and execute a contract amendment as required to include the appropriate proprietary departments' sites, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality.

The proposed Public Safety Broadband Network includes utilizing City owned sites to provide for the installation of Network infrastructure and equipment. The Network infrastructure consists primarily of standard three-tiered monopole antenna systems and related equipment. However, some of the antenna systems will be aesthetically designed as hose drying towers or evergreen trees. Although the three-tiered antenna systems can accommodate commercial use applications, the aesthetically designed systems do not have that capability. Further, any use of the Network infrastructure for commercial purposes will be subject to a separate action by the City Council and the Mayor.

Additionally, it has been brought to the City's attention that there may be better alternatives for the placement of infrastructure and equipment on City owned sites. In order to take this stakeholder input into account, it is recommended that further review be undertaken expeditiously along with input from the stakeholders and their representatives.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council approve the Mayor's transmittal dated September 18, 2014, and amend the recommendations to include the following:

- 1) Direct the Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System Authority (LA-RICS), with the participation of the City Departments and the City Administrative Officer, to conduct additional site visits of all proposed Los Angeles City facility sites within the Public Safety Broadband Network, along with the major stakeholders and their representatives, in order to finalize the location of cell towers at each site based on the technical needs of the project, while addressing the concerns and recommendations of the stakeholder's representatives.
- 2) Direct the Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications Authority (LA-RICS) to report back to the Public Safety Committee within 30 days regarding the progress of their site visits and communications with stakeholders regarding final cell tower location sites and the alternatives for those locations.
- 3) That any use of the LA-RICS network infrastructure for commercial purposes or by commercial entities be subject to a separate action of the City Council and Mayor in authorizing such use during the life of this program.

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