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The City of Los Angeles has consistently supported interoperable communications between public safety agencies in the Los Angeles region. Toward this end, the City has been a member of the Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications (LA-RICS) Joint Powers Authority (JPA) since it was established in 2008.

The LA-RICS JPA was originally tasked with building an interoperable Land Mobile Radio (LMR) network that would enable seamless voice communications for public safety agencies throughout Los Angeles County.

Later, the LA-RICS JPA was awarded a Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) grant to design and build a Long Term Evolution (LTE) data network exclusively for public safety use, referred to as the Public Safety Broadband Network (PSBN). LMR and LTE are two separate system projects that use different technology for different purposes, although the LA-RICS JPA governs both.

The LMR voice radio system is in the design phase, and the City remains committed to interoperable voice communications. The LTE is in the construction phase and must be completed by August 20, 2015 in order to make full use of the BTOP grant.

The LA-RICS JPA will have to bear the full costs of any required work not completed by this date. The City share of JPA costs could be up to 40 percent, depending on the participation of other jurisdictions. These cost uncertainties, coupled with continued withdrawals of other jurisdictions from the LA-RICS JPA, delays in construction, and concerns by end users at proposed LTE sites make it necessary to immediately halt the construction of the LTE System.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council determine, as provided in Section 54954.2(b)(2) of the Government Code, and pursuant to Rule 23 of the Rules of the City Council, that there is a need to take immediate action on this matter AND that the need for action came to the attention of the City Council subsequent to the posting of the agenda for today's Council meeting.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City of Los Angeles representatives on the LA-RICS JPA work to bifurcate the governance of the Land Mobile Radio (LMR) and Long Term Evolution (LTE) systems, allowing for jurisdictions to participate in either one or both.

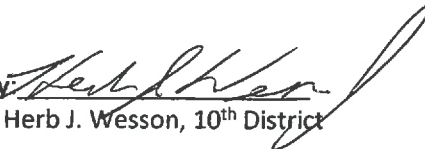
I FURTHER MOVE that the City representatives work to terminate the LTE project if it is determined that bifurcation is not possible and the LTE system cannot be completed by the broadband Technology Opportunity Program (BTOP) grant deadline.

I FURTHER MOVE that the construction of the LTE system at City of Los Angeles Fire and Police Stations not commence, or immediately cease if started.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City of Los Angeles representatives on the LA-RICS JPA begin working on alternative locations, commercial structures or alternative and less intrusive technology solutions.

I FURTHER MOVE that should alternative locations or technology solutions be identified, that LA-RICS work with key stakeholders including but not limited to City Councilmembers, the United Firefighters of Los Angeles City, and the Los Angeles Police Protective League.

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