



Takoma Park City Council Meeting – May 19, 2021 Agenda Item 7

Work Session

Single Reading Ordinance Authorizing the Purchase of Police Field Radios

Recommended Council Action

Consider the ordinance.

Context with Key Issues

Each police vehicle is equipped with a mobile radio, and each officer is issued one portable radio. Mobile radios are re-used as vehicles are replaced, until they reach their end of life; we are at that end of life point and need to purchase four new mobile radios. The Police Department also needs to purchase additional portable radios to issue to new hires, or to have sufficient spares available when radios are out of service being repaired, or as they get to their end of life.

Funds for the purchase of four mobile radios and three portable radios are in the Equipment Replacement Reserve. The pricing is based upon a Montgomery County Contract with Motorola Solutions.

Council Priority

A livable Community for All

Environmental Considerations

We are not aware of environmental considerations regarding the purchase of these radios.

Fiscal Considerations

The price for four new mobile radios is \$17,029.68. The price for three portable radios, with microphones, batteries and battery chargers, is \$16,925.82. The total proposed purchase for the mobile and portable radios is \$33,955.51.

Racial Equity Considerations

The purchase of the radios will not disproportionately impact any particular group. The sworn staff of the Police Department include 11 African-American, 6 Hispanic, 1 Asian, and 23 White officers.

Attachments and Links

- Draft Single Reading Ordinance Authorizing the Purchase of Field Radio Equipment.

Introduced by:

Single Reading Ordinance

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND
ORDINANCE NO. 2021-**

AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE POLICE FIELD RADIOS

WHEREAS, the Police Department needs to purchase Police Field Radios; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2021 budget has funds in the Equipment Replacement Reserve Account that will be used for the purchase; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department proposes to purchase four Mobile Radios and three Portable Radios; and,

WHEREAS, the quoted price of \$33,955.51 is based on a Montgomery County contract with Motorola Solutions

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND THAT:

SECTION 1. The City Manager or her designee is authorized to enter into an agreement with Motorola Solutions for the purchase of the radios.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2021 by roll-call vote as follows:

AYE:

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: