



City of Arlington Council Agenda Bill

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| COUNCIL MEETING DATE: | |
| April 16, 2018 | |
| SUBJECT: | |
| Resolution to Support Funding of a new Countywide 911 Emergency Radio System | |
| ATTACHMENTS: | |
| Resolution | |
| DEPARTMENT OF ORIGIN | |
| Fire and EMS | |
| EXPENDITURES REQUESTED: | |
| BUDGET CATEGORY: | |
| BUDGETED AMOUNT: | |
| LEGAL REVIEW: |  |
| DESCRIPTION: | |
| <p>The City of Arlington supports taking necessary actions as soon as possible to replace the outdated SERS emergency radio system. SERS is engaged with Snohomish County in a competitive bidding procurement process to select a qualified vendor to provide new countywide 911 radio system equipment and services. Equitable and countywide funding for a new radio system must be authorized and secured to finance a new radio system that has a potential cost estimate of \$60 to \$75 million. The City of Arlington supports taking necessary actions as soon as possible to replace the outdated SERS emergency radio system, and respectfully urges Snohomish County to approve the resources necessary to purchase, design, and install a new countywide digital P-25 emergency radio system.</p> | |
| HISTORY: | |
| <p>The Snohomish County Emergency Radio System (SERS), has provided a dependable countywide emergency radio service since 1999 that enables our first responders to effectively respond to 911 emergency calls in our area. SERS has two decades of technical expertise in developing, acquiring, installing, operating, maintaining, and managing the countywide emergency radio system.</p> | |
| ALTERNATIVES: | |
| Reject the resolution. | |
| RECOMMENDED MOTION: | |
| I move to approve the resolution to support funding of a new Countywide 911 Emergency Radio System, and authorize the Mayor to sign the resolution. | |

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-XXX

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARLINGTON,
WASHINGTON, SUPPORTING FUNDING OF A NEW COUNTYWIDE 911
EMERGENCY RADIO SYSTEM

WHEREAS, public safety depends on having reliable and effective emergency 911 radio communications; and

WHEREAS, the Snohomish County Emergency Radio System (SERS), has provided a dependable countywide emergency radio service since 1999 that enables our first responders to effectively respond to 911 emergency calls in our area; and

WHEREAS, SERS has two decades of technical expertise in developing, acquiring, installing, operating, maintaining, and managing the countywide emergency radio system; and

WHEREAS, the SERS existing analog 800 MHz radio system is now outdated and about to reach its end of life. When the existing system can no longer be sustained, it will become increasingly difficult and eventually impossible to maintain reliable radio communications between 911 dispatchers and our first responders; and

WHEREAS, independent expert analysis by a national consultant has determined that a new replacement P-25 radio system using modern digital technology will substantially reduce risk of future radio system failure and provide better audio voice quality for simulcast, two-way, interoperable emergency communications; and

WHEREAS, other counties of similar size in our state have already taken action to fund and replace their outdated 800 MHz radio systems with new P-25 digital radio systems; and

WHEREAS, SERS is engaged with Snohomish County in a competitive bidding procurement process to select a qualified vendor to provide new countywide 911 radio system equipment and services; and

WHEREAS, equitable countywide funding for a new radio system must be authorized and secured to finance a new radio system that has a potential cost estimate of \$60 to \$75 million.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARLINGTON, WASHINGTON AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the City of Arlington supports taking necessary actions as soon as possible to replace the outdated SERS emergency radio system.

2. That the City of Arlington respectfully urges Snohomish County to approve the resources necessary to purchase, design, and install a new countywide digital P-25 emergency radio system.
3. That the City of Arlington supports Snohomish County taking necessary actions to authorize a dedicated countywide equitable funding source for the new 911 emergency radio system.

PASSED by the City Council and APPROVED by the Mayor this 16th day of April, 2018.

CITY OF ARLINGTON

Barbara Tolbert, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kristin Banfield, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Steven J. Peiffle, City Attorney