

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item H-3
July 11, 2023
City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL

City Commission

Mayor Vince Lago
Vice Mayor Rhonda Anderson
Commissioner Melissa Castro
Commissioner Ariel Fernandez
Commissioner Kirk Menendez

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City Attorney, Cristina Suárez
City Manager, Peter Iglesias
City Clerk, Billy Urquia
Police Chief, Ed Hudak

Public Speaker(s)

Agenda Item H-3 [10:45 a.m.]

A Resolution of the City Commission accepting a recommendation of the Police Department to authorize a purchase from Communications International, Inc. as a sole source procurement for the upgrade of the Harris P25 Radio System pursuant to Section 2-689 of the City's Procurement Code.

Mayor Lago: Moving onto item H-3.

City Attorney Suarez: H-3 is A Resolution of the City Commission accepting a recommendation of the Police Department to authorize a purchase from Communications International, Inc. as a sole source procurement for the upgrade of the Harris P25 Radio System pursuant to Section 2-689 of the City's Procurement Code.

Mayor Lago: Chief, good morning, sir.

Chief Hudak: Good morning, members of the Commission, Mr. Mayor. Before you is the upgrade for our P25 Radio System. Ten years ago, or so, we were the first ones to go with this core system following our lead. As we do in Coral Gables, Miami, Miami Beach, Hialeah, also all went with

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the Harris System. We are kind of at the end of life now. I've actually personally done a negotiation with both CI, which is our contract consultant, as well as with the people from Harris. This is part of our radio matrix, so in front of you today is the \$779,688 really kind of sole source, but also it does tie into all of our radio frequencies and systems within the thousand radios that we have here in the city, but also with the thousands and thousands of other departments that we can talk to seamlessly. And we've talked about Fire inter-operability and when we talk about using our mutual aide with both police and fire, the seamless transition of these radios is really kind of important, instead of looking at your ratio and trying to switch channels so we can all talk to one another right away. Again, I did the negotiations as well as our team. Everybody from IT is present, as well as our radio shop coordinators and the technical services people, if you have any additional questions.

Mayor Lago: Chief, how long have we been working on this with the Manager and your department?

Chief Hudak: Well, the matrix actually came up in 2014 when we started to put it together and set aside the Capital funds. Anticipating, as we've talked about before here on this dais, the radio shop doesn't do just the police radio shop, it does for all the radios that operate within the city, Police, Fire and also the Parks the Recs. Their biggest day, obviously as you all witnessed on the 4th of July is having enough radios to talk, which is communications. It's got to be seamless just in here. This is part of our ongoing matrix of what we put together with Finance.

Mayor Lago: I wanted to bring that up, because I remember having stepped in here in 2014, and you and I have had many conversations about always making sure that the police and firefighters have the best tools, to provide the best services for our residents. And again, the city will not spare any expense to ensure that these types of things get accomplished in continuing to lower crime, continuing to lower our response time. I want to congratulate you, Chief, and the Manager, for your leadership, along with your team who does an incredible job and making sure that, after a long time of having this conversation that we're continuing to push this forward, because this is what's in the best interest of the city. So, thank you. Its under your watch and your leadership that it got accomplished. So, thank you.

Chief Hudak: Thank you Mayor. As we've talked about in previous meetings, with the direction of the Manager, we are bringing up our communication system this part of it, the other part of the communication section, which has been a total revamp. We are actually bringing in the new CAD system, a new RMS system, and integrating both the body-worn cameras, as well as the drone program that we talked about. Major Adderley and Lieutenant Bruzos are on their way to Boston to see how the system works again. We've gone out before and it's the partnership, its not just the police department, it's the partnership with radio, but also with IT, the fact that we're right next-door to each other on the same floor, and it goes to that three-minute emergency response time that police have, response time of fire, and our Communications Manager we brought in, that does an outstanding job. So yes sir, continuing the commitment of this body to communications in public safety is noted, and we do have, and this is part of it, but we have the best of the best.

Mayor Lago: Thank you sir. Do we have any comments on this item?

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City Clerk Urquia: No, Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Lago: Close the public comment. We need a motion.

Vice Mayor Anderson: I'll move it.

Commissioner Fernandez: Second.

Commissioner Castro: Yes. Quick question. I'm sorry, quick question. Is this being shipped or are you picking it up?

Chief Hudak: They will actually put it back in Communications International is our sub-contractor on this, and this is part of this agreement. They will bring in some of the core parts, the actual hard copy or the hard equipment, if you will, and then they will partner with IT to install it to make sure its within our network and then the radio shop personnel will go ahead and make sure the antennas are up throughout the city as well.

Commissioner Castro: Yes. Thank you.

Commissioner Fernandez: Yes

Commissioner Menendez: Yes

Vice Mayor Anderson: Yes

Mayor Lago: Yes

(Vote: 5-0)

Mayor Lago: Thank you Chief. I appreciate you.

Chief Hudak: Thank you.