

# City Council Agenda Memo

**From:** Ashley Rentsch, Deputy Finance Manager

**Council Meeting:** September 8, 2020

**Subject:** Resolution 20-069, a Resolution Authorizing Capital Outlay Accumulations for Purposes of Saving for Enhanced 911 Radio Expenditures.

**Person(s) Responsible:** Erick Rangel, Chief Financial Officer; Ashley Rentsch, Deputy Finance Manager

## **Summary:**

Due to a federal mandate requiring P25 Digital Radios by 2023, Enhanced 911 Dispatch is currently planning to purchase new radios in 2022. The approximate cost is \$35,000. The department has decided to accumulate funds over the next two years for this purchase. \$25,000 will be accumulated in 2021, which includes \$10,000 to be carried forward from 2020. An additional \$10,000 will be accumulated in 2022.

## **Background:**

Project 25 (P25) is a set of standards for digital mobile radio communications developed to provide digital voice and data communication systems suited to public safety and first responders. This was initiated by the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials, and the radio equipment standards must be implemented by 2023 under this mandate.

Each dispatch channel for Enhanced 911 requires a base station radio. The current radios are not P25 compliant. Enhanced 911 Dispatch will be required to purchase new radios in 2022 that meet these requirements. This resolution authorizes an accumulation of \$25,000 in 2021 and \$10,000 in 2022 for a total of \$35,000 to be used to purchase the radios in 2022. The 2021 accumulation includes \$10,000 that will be carried forward from 2020.

## **Item Details:**

The City of Brookings Enhanced 911 Dispatch is preparing to purchase new radios in 2022 to meet federal requirements of P25 compatible digital radios by 2023. To plan for this expenditure of approximately \$35,000, the department intends accumulate funds over the next two years for this purpose. This includes \$25,000 in 2021 and \$10,000 in 2022. The 2021 accumulation includes \$10,000 that will be carried forward from 2020.

## **Legal Consideration:**

None.

**Strategic Plan Consideration:**

None.

**Financial Consideration:**

This resolution authorizes the accumulation of \$35,000 over the next two years to be used to purchase new radios for Enhanced 911 Dispatch in 2022. \$10,000 of the \$25,000 to be accumulated in 2021 will be carried forward from 2020.

**Options and Recommendation:**

The City Council has the following options:

1. Approve as presented
2. Amend
3. Deny
4. Move the item to a study session
5. Do nothing

Staff recommends approval of the resolution as presented.

**Supporting Documentation:**

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