Memorandum



DATE:

February 8, 2013

TO: Members of the Public Safety Committee

SUBJECT: Authorize the Purchase of Digital Transmissions Equipment for Live Police Video

The City seeks authorization to purchase equipment, used for digital transmissions of live police helicopter video, through a cooperative agreement with the General Services Administration from Broadcast Microwave Services, Inc. The cost for this equipment is \$97,869.85 and it will be funded by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Grant.

This purchase will provide antennas, cables, software and receivers for installation at the Jack Evans Headquarters and The Heights at Park Lane. These items will provide digital transmissions to downlink live video from the helicopter to the Police Headquarters and to City Hall personnel. This live video will assist commanders with first hand information for better assessments of particular situations. This technology will be useful in large scale events and emergencies such as:

- Professional sporting events
- State Fair of Texas
- Traffic flow
- Fires
- Floods

The City is seeking recommendation from the Public Safety Committee to authorize the purchase of digital transmissions equipment. This item will be placed on the City Council Agenda on February 13, 2013.

A.C. Gonzalez

First Assistant City Manager

CC: Honorable Mayor and Members of the Dallas City Council

Mary K. Suhm, City Manager Rosa Rios, City Secretary Thomas P. Perkins, Jr., City Attorney Craig D. Kinton, City Auditor Judge Daniel Solis, Administrative Judge Ryan S. Evans, Assistant City Manager Jill A. Jordan, P.E., Assistant City Manager Forest E. Turner, Assistant City Manager Joey Zapata, Assistant City Manager Jeanne Chipperfield, Chief Financial Officer Frank Librio, Public Information Office Stephanie Cooper, Assistant to the City Manager