

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE October 17, 2014

TO Members of the Budget, Finance & Audit Committee: Jerry R. Allen (Chair),
Jennifer Staubach Gates (Vice-Chair), Tennell Atkins, Sheffie Kadane, Philip T. Kingston

SUBJECT **Upcoming Agenda Item: Demolition of Radio Communications Tower at Fair Park**

The October 22, 2014 Council Agenda will include an item to authorize a service contract for the demolition and removal of a radio communications tower – Tower King II, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$189,478.00 financed with Current Funds.

The Fair Park/WRR Radio Tower was constructed in 1948 by International Derrick and Equipment and, at the time of the build, was just over 500 feet tall. The tower currently serves as the primary radio system backup site for the City of Dallas. Inside the ground structure are backup radios for the Dallas Police and Dallas Fire Departments as well as interoperability repeaters to be used in the event of an emergency.

While the tower provides an important and critical service to the City, its location and close proximity to the primary radio transmitters at the Central Service Center located at 3131 Dawson have caused concerns that a single weather event could damage the primary and backup sites.

The City has a new location on a tower that is leased from a private company located in West Dallas off of Interstate 30 and Westmoreland. Plans are already underway to place equipment at the new tower site and bring this equipment online as soon as possible. This is required to be completed and in place before the Fair Park tower can be removed. This new location will provide a better geographical separation between the primary and backup sites.

This demolition was approved by the City of Dallas Landmark Commission (CD134-009AA) and the Texas Historical Commission (Permit #HS 708).

Please contact Bill Finch at 670-1890 if you have any questions.

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SUBJECT **Upcoming Agenda Item: McAfee VirusScan Threat Management Portfolio Software Licenses,
Maintenance and Support**

The October 22, 2014 Council Agenda will include an item to award a contract for a three-year renewal of licensing, maintenance and support for the McAfee VirusScan Threat Management Portfolio to World Wide Technology in an amount not to exceed \$495,921.

This contract will renew the City's existing maintenance and support for the McAfee VirusScan Threat Management Portfolio which is a collection of software the City uses to detect various types of computer viruses and malware threats on desktop, laptops and servers. The renewal also includes Mobile Device Management (MDM), a feature that extends antivirus and malware protection to mobile phones and other portable devices such as tablet computers. MDM also provides security for mobile applications, device encryption, and remote locking and wiping of data in the event a device is reported stolen or lost.

The McAfee VirusScan Portfolio protects against the potential exposure and/or loss of City confidential data such as police criminal records, municipal court protected information, social security numbers, and electronic Protected Health Information (ePHI). The software and hardware also aids the City in complying with State and Federal laws including Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) requirements and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).

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SUBJECT **Upcoming Agenda Item: Service Contract for Temporary Information Technology Professionals**

The October 22, 2014 Council Agenda will include an item to award a three-year service contract for temporary information technology professionals to EJES, Inc. in the amount of \$2,661,237, Global Information Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$992,478 and Sierra Infosys, Inc. in the amount of \$351,228, the most advantageous proposers of twenty-one for a total not to exceed amount of \$4,004,943.

This service contract will provide temporary information technology (IT) professionals to Communication and Information Services (CIS) who will assist in the delivery of IT projects or temporarily fill vacant positions. These technical professionals have specialized skills in specific technical areas which augment our current IT staff and are intended to work on a limited basis for specific assignments. The use of contract IT professionals will aid in delivering projects without adding risk to current operational or development responsibilities.

CIS has identified those technology needs that require external and highly skilled professionals. Contract IT professionals will be used to help implement and manage various projects such as hardware infrastructure and software systems, electronic document management, electronic payment systems, and Water Utilities advanced controls. They may also be used to support enhancements to existing City Systems.

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