



CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS

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Special City Council Meeting Agenda Monday, May 23, 2011 7:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order
 2. Roll Call
 3. Pledge of Allegiance
 4. Acceptance of Agenda
 5. Closed Executive Session to Discuss
Pending Litigation
 6. Lake Front Park Tax Appeal
 7. Public Safety Radio Upgrade
 8. Adjournment
- A. Memo 05/16/11 - City Administrator/
Director of Public Safety

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City Clerk

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CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS MEMORANDUM

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DATE: May 16, 2011

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Al Fincham, City Administrator
Andrew Pazuchowski, Director of Public Safety

SUBJECT: Authorization of Contribution to the City of Grosse Pointe Farms for Public Safety Radio System Upgrade

The Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods Public Safety Radio System is twelve years old and no longer under warranty. While parts are still currently available for repairs, there is the potential that replacement parts will not be available in the future. In addition, the current system is reliant on twelve year old hardware, software and technology and has had more failures.

Department of Homeland Security funding has recently become available through Wayne County to assist in the purchase of a new and upgraded radio system. A new system consists of all new hardware and software with new dispatch consoles. The new server will continue to be housed at the City of Grosse Pointe Farms.

The new proposed system is compatible with the State of Michigan Astor 25 system. The Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods would have direct access to radio communications with other jurisdictions, including the City of Detroit and Macomb County. Currently, the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods Departments are on a separate, stand alone radio frequency. This grant was awarded to resolve interoperability issues outside of the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods.

The cost of the new radio system and upgrades, as provided by Motorola, is \$1,050,000. Of that amount, \$485,000 will be reimbursed by Wayne County through the Homeland Security Grant leaving a balance of \$565,000 to be paid by the communities.

It is the consensus of the City Managers of the five Grosse Pointe Communities and Harper Woods that replacing the system now utilizing available grant funding would be advantageous, as the current system is at the end of its expected life cycle and no longer warranted. The Public Safety Directors and the Police and Fire Chief of Harper Woods wholeheartedly support the upgrade of this system.

Since the City of Grosse Pointe Farms owns the radio system, the contract with Motorola will be between the City of Grosse Pointe Farms and Motorola. Therefore, Grosse Pointe Farms will be responsible for paying for the new system and getting reimbursement from Wayne County, the other Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods. In order to have the necessary cash flow to meet Motorola's payment schedule, Grosse Pointe Farms will require that the other Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods pay 50% of their respective costs upon contract execution and 50% by December 1, 2011. The City of Grosse Pointe Woods portion of the cost will be paid out of the General Fund, Fund Balance.

The cost breakdown of the new system is as follows:

Grosse Pointe Farms	\$ 137,751.78
Grosse Pointe City	\$ 63,440.39
Grosse Pointe Park	\$ 117,409.03
Grosse Pointe Shores	\$ 54,631.94
Grosse Pointe Woods	\$ 131,540.55
Harper Woods	\$ 59,283.31
Wayne County (DHS Grant)	<u>\$ 485,943.00</u>
Total	\$1,050,000.00

The cost sharing is based on the SEV of each community, which has historically been used as the basis for radio system capital projects.

In conclusion, it is recommended that City Council approve the contribution to the City of Grosse Pointe Farms for its share of the cost of an upgraded public safety radio system in the amount of \$131,540.55. The purchase is contingent upon approval of the purchase by all of the other Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods communities.