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REPORT TO MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Gregory S. Taylor, Deputy Chief - Administration

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SUBJECT: Adjustment to the Scope of Activity for CIP 368 – Police Department
Communications Equipment

Recommendation - Accept this report approving the adjustment to the scope of activity for the Police Department Communications Equipment Project – CIP 368.

Background – The City Council approved funding for CIP 368 in Fiscal Year 2021 (\$210,000) for the replacement of portable radios for both the Police Department and also the Parking Division. FY 2021 would be the first year of a two year phase-in of new portable radios combined with tentative FY 2022 funding of an additional \$175,000 to complete the replacement of all portable radios. These funding amounts were based upon estimates obtained through the current vendor for the portable radios, holsters, batteries, charging stations, and other miscellaneous portable radio related equipment.

Discussion – The Police Department through additional research, as well as field testing and evaluation, was able to identify a different portable radio brand and vendor to provide similar capacity portable radios at a significant cost savings. However, in order for the Department's portable radios to function at an optimal level additional radio infrastructure improvements need to be completed. These radio infrastructure improvements are anticipated to cost approximately \$40,000. Purchasing these new portable radios, while also including the approximately \$40,000 in radio infrastructure improvements costs, is anticipated to result in a cost savings of approximately \$75,000 over the two year project life. It is recommended that the City Council approve this adjustment to the scope of activity for CIP 368 as it results in a significant benefit to the Department's communications capabilities and officer safety as well as a significant cost savings.

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