THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

Staff Report

Council Meeting Date: October 24, 2023

Subject: Radio Interoperability Agreement with Madison County Sheriff's Office

Staff Resource(s): Holly Barham, Information Technology Services Department Director and Wayne Short, Information Technology Services Senior Project Manager

Action Requested: Adoption of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the Madison County Sheriff's Office for use of Asheville Police Radio Channels

Background:

- The requested action will establish an agreement that permits officers in the Madison County Sheriff's Office to access City of Asheville Police radio channels in the event of an emergency.
- The Sheriff's Office will not use these channels for daily communications; they will only be used in the event that they need to contact Asheville law enforcement.
- The City has similar agreements with most neighboring counties and law enforcement agencies.
- This agreement will automatically renew annually as long as both parties agree to continue the agreement.
- Information Technology Services manages all such agreements and their renewals.

Vendor Outreach Efforts:

- N/A

Council Goal(s):

- Improve/Expand Core Services

Committee(s):

- N/A

Pro(s):

- Improve communications with Asheville law enforcement in the event of a Madison County emergency that may cross counties or potentially impact Asheville law enforcement.

Con(s):

- N/A

Fiscal Impact:

- This action requires no City resources and has no fiscal impact.

Suggested Motion:

- Motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the Madison County Sheriff's Office for use of Asheville Police radio channels.

Attachment(s)

- Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 24 -____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE MADISON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR USE OF RADIO CHANNELS

WHEREAS, the City of Asheville has authority pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. 160A-461 to enter into contracts or agreements with other units of local government in order to execute any undertaking; and

WHEREAS, the City owns and operates an 800 Mhz radio communication system (herein "System") within Buncombe County; and

WHEREAS, the City seeks to provide Madison County Sheriff's Office with access to certain public safety talk groups for increased interoperability; and

WHEREAS, the Madison County Sheriff's Office wishes to gain access to the System, and the City will allow the Partner Agency onto the system pursuant to the terms and conditions of the agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE THAT:

The City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into an intergovernmental agreement between the Madison County Sheriff's Office for use of Radio Channels on the City's 800 Mhz radio communication system.

Read, approved and adopted this the 24th day of October, 2024.

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City Clerk Mayor

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney