THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

Staff Report

Council Meeting Date: January 11, 2022

Subject: Sole Source Procurement of Eventide - 911 Audio Logging License and Services

Staff Resource(s): Jonathan Feldman, Department Director, Jeff Reble, Senior IT Project Manager, and **Dan Lemley**, Asheville Police Department Administrative Services Manager.

Action Requested: Adoption of a resolution authorizing a sole source justification purchase of equipment and services from Carolina Recording Systems, LLC and authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract, with the same for Eventide 9-1-1 Audio Logging integration.

Background:

- On November 9, 2021, City Council approved Resolution No. 21-241, which authorizes the City and the County to enter into an agreement to consolidate 9-1-1 Services.
- This requires the City of Asheville to interface the City's radio system to the County's audio logging system.
- Carolina Recording Systems is the dealer Buncombe County uses for their 9-1-1 audio logging system who is responsible for maintenance and warranty on their system.
- This contract will provide the needed software license and components for them to interface our radio system to the County's logger.
- This was generated in consultation with the City's radio system manufacturer, Motorola Solutions.

Vendor Outreach Efforts:

- Sole source/standardization procurement allows for products to be purchased exclusively from one vendor in order to ensure the expansion of an existing system using proprietary components.
- In using sole source/standardization procurement, there is no further outreach conducted because the items are purchased from a specific vendor.
- Because the City is interfacing with the Buncombe County 9-1-1 system, items are being purchased from their existing audio logging supplier.

Council Goal(s):

- Reimagining Public Safety, A Financially Resilient City

Committee(s):

- None

Pro(s):

- This action supports the City's goal to reimagine public safety by integrating the City's radio system with the consolidated 9-1-1 system.

Con(s):

- Sole source procurements may reduce competitive pricing.

Fiscal Impact:

- The one-time cost of integration of $92,140, is already included in the adopted Police Department budget.

Suggested Motion:

- Motion to adopt a resolution authorizing a sole source justification purchase of Eventide equipment and services from Carolina Recording Systems, LLC and authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract, with the same for 911 Audio Logging integration.

Attachment(s):

- Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 21-____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SOLE SOURCE JUSTIFICATION PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES FROM CAROLINA RECORDING SYSTEMS, LLC AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE SAME FOR EVENTIDE 911 AUDIO LOGGING INTEGRATION.

WHEREAS, the City of Asheville has authority pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. sec 160A-20 to enter into contracts with private entities to perform any authorized functions; and

WHEREAS, N.C.G.S. 143-123(e) sets forth exceptions to the requirements of the subject general statute when a needed product is available from a sole source of supply; and

WHEREAS, N.C.G.S. 143-123(e)(6)(iii) sets forth exceptions to the requirements of the subject general statute when a needed product is for standardization or compatibility is the overriding consideration; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 21-241 was approved, which authorizes the City and the County to enter into an agreement to consolidate 9-1-1 Services; and

WHEREAS, the City will contract with Carolina Recording Systems, LLC to purchase Eventide Software Licenses to integrate the City's 9-1-1 audio logging system with Buncombe County's 9-1-1 system;

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

A sole source / standardization justification for the purchase of services and materials is approved and the City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Carolina Recording Systems, LLC for Eventide audio logging integration costing $92,140.00 based on standardization to merge with the County.

Read, approved and adopted this the 11th day of January, 2022.

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City Clerk Mayor

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney