



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: December 6, 2005

ITEM NUMBER:

SUBJECT: POWER OF ATTORNEY WITH ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFFS' DEPARTMENT TO NEGOTIATE WITH SPRINT/NEXTEL REGARDING COUNTYWIDE 800 MHZ REBANDING

DATE: NOVEMBER 16, 2005

FROM: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENT, TELECOMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

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RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the Mayor to execute the 800 MHz Countywide Coordinated Communications System (CCCS) Power of Attorney with the Orange County Sheriffs' Department for the purpose of 800 MHz Rebanding negotiations with Sprint/Nextel.

BACKGROUND:

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has directed Sprint-Nextel to reorganize (reband) the 800 MHz radio spectrum in order to minimize or eliminate radio interference between public safety and cellular telephone radio systems.

Acting on behalf of the 800 MHz Countywide Coordinated Communications System, the Orange County Sheriffs' Department is preparing to apply for 800 MHz Rebanding pre-negotiation meetings as provided for in the Sprint-Nextel plan that was approved by the FCC. The negotiations will focus on planning a seamless and low-impact migration of the Rebanding program. In order to act on behalf of its many subscriber departments and agency customers, the Orange County Sheriffs Department must enter into and have signed letters of Power of Attorney.

Sprint-Nextel is committed to pay for all costs of the 800 MHz Rebanding. The majority of the 800 MHz Countywide Coordinated Communications System network equipment is current and can be operated with the new frequencies. In some cases, older radios may have to be replaced by Nextel.

ANALYSIS:

The attached Power of Attorney with the Orange County Sheriffs' Department will allow for a consolidated effort by the OCSD to negotiate with Sprint-Nextel on the Rebanding program. The Power of Attorney document has been reviewed by all parties and is presented to the City Council for approval.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

The City could decline to provide Power of Attorney to the Orange County Sheriffs' Department. If so, the City of Costa Mesa would then have to negotiate independently with Sprint-Nextel.

FISCAL REVIEW:

There is no fiscal impact to the City by providing Power of Attorney to the Orange County Sheriffs' Department regarding the pending 800 MHz Rebanding negotiations.

LEGAL REVIEW:

Legal has reviewed the documents and approved them as to form.

CONCLUSION:

Based upon the City's need to work with and address the pending 800 MHz Rebanding by Sprint-Nextel, it is recommended that the Power of Attorney with the Orange County Sheriffs Department be approved.

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