



## LEGISLATIVE MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

**FROM:** Suzanne Sherman, City Manager

**THRU:** Mariano Augello, Chief of Police

**DATE:** November 7, 2024

**RE:** Consideration of utilizing General Fund Undesignated Fund Balance for a one-time upgrade for public safety radio communications (\$214,327).

### SUMMARY:

The current emergency radio system (EDAC) for public safety services in the City of Palm Bay and Brevard County operates on an outdated (19-year-old system) that is being phased out nationwide with a transition to the P25 system. Brevard County agencies have decided to conform to P25 compliance to allow for enhanced connectivity, secured communications, and a modern system. Any agency that does not make the transition to P25 by the time the tower transitions in their service area occur will be cut off from any further radio communications.

The anticipated live date for the Palm Bay area tower is 2025. With this program, there is a one-time tower fee towards the P25 conversion. The one-time fee was calculated based on the number of radios per agency and presented to the municipal representatives for approval in July 2022. The contribution for the City of Palm Bay is \$214,327 which will be billed in October 2024 and due by November 30, 2024.

The Police Department is therefore requesting \$214,327 from the General Fund Undesignated Fund Balance to complete the mandatory P25 upgrade fee before the deadline of November 30, 2024.

### REQUESTING DEPARTMENTS:

Police

### FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding in the amount of \$214,327 will be appropriated on the next available Budget Amendment from the General Fund Undesignated Fund Balance G/L# 001-0000-392-1001 (\$214,237) and allocated to G/L# 001-5011-521-4616 (\$214,237).

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Motion to approve the Police Department's request for funding totaling \$214,237 from the General Fund towards the one-time P25 upgrade fee for the public safety radio communications program.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. FY25 One-time Radio Tower Fee Towards P25 Upgrade