



AGENDA MEMO

9/1/2020 Agenda

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Randy Howell

SUBJECT: Consider approval of an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with the City of Fort Worth allowing public safety radio communications interoperability.

BACKGROUND:

In June of 2019, council approved an ILA with the Cities of Garland and Mesquite allowing the "Park Cities" to connect our new public safety radio system to their radio core. Recently, the Garland, Mesquite, Rowlett & Sachse (GMRS) governance board voted to begin expanding their regional communications ability by connecting the GMRS switch to the radio system operated by the City of Fort Worth.

The City of Fort Worth has agreed to allow this connection but requires all municipalities connecting to their system sign a Communications System Agreement defining terms and conditions pursuant to which the City of University Park and G.M.R.S. will be able to access their radio system in connection with the provision of mutual aid assistance. Council approval will allow the City Manager to sign and execute this agreement.

Per the agreement, either party may terminate with or without cause upon ninety (90) days written notice to the other party. There is no cost associated with this agreement.

This is one of the first steps the GMRS governance board is taking to enhance regional public safety communications interoperability.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval of the ILA with the City of Fort Worth.