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City of Racine, Wisconsin
COMMON COUNCIL

AGENDA BRIEFING MEMORADUM (ABM)

COMMITTEE: Finance & Personnel **LEGISLATION ITEM #:** 1160-17

AGENDA DATE: December 11, 2017 F. & P.; December 20, 2017 Common Council

DEPARTMENT: Administration

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Reviewed By: Cory Mason, Mayor; Scott Letteney, City Attorney

SUBJECT:

A Request to Approve an Amendment to the Joint Dispatch Services Agreement To Provide for the Inclusion of the City of Burlington, and to Share Among the Parties Certain Cost Savings Resulting Therefrom.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The City of Burlington has negotiated tentative terms with Racine County to become an “additional party” to the Joint Dispatch Services Agreement first-entered into on October 27, 2010 by and between the County, the Village of Caledonia, the Village of Mount Pleasant, the Village of Sturtevant, and the City of Racine. The proposed amended Agreement calls for the city of Burlington to pay \$183,865.00 per-year to receive full dispatching services from the County-operated Joint 911 emergency dispatch operations center for each of the three (3) years 2018 -2020; and then have that total decrease by 10% per-year for each of the nine (9) succeeding years 2021-2029; and ultimately becoming zero (\$0) in 2030 and thereafter. In turn, the new yearly funding received by the County as payments from Burlington will be shared as 42% of the total accruing to the County as additional new revenues to support the expenses of the dispatching operations; and the remaining 58% of the total to be split pro-rata (based on originally-established contribution percentages of the total budget) among the other jurisdictional parties to the Agreement.

In the case of the City of Racine, we will receive 52 ½% (our contribution percentage of the total dispatch budget) multiplied by 58% of the total yearly payment received from the City of Burlington,

31 calculated as a yearly discount against our required contractual payments, beginning with the Budget
32 year 2019 and extending through the year 2029. This will result in the City achieving real total savings
33 in our contractual obligations for the years 2019-2029 of \$419,913.00 (current Agreement:
34 \$10,036,302.00 vs. proposed amended total: \$9,616,407.00).

35 Beginning in 2030, Racine County begins covering all the costs of the Joint dispatch operations for all
36 participants per the original contract, and continuing with the amendment.

37 In order to allow Burlington to become an additional party to the Agreement, all current jurisdictional
38 parties to the Agreement must take action to approve this proposed amendment prior to its
39 commencement with the Calendar & Budget year of 2018.

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41 **BACKGROUND & ANALYSIS:**

42 The desire of the City of Burlington to no longer provide its own emergency dispatching services, and
43 instead join with the current, multi-jurisdictional operations center operated by the County, came
44 about largely as a result of the recent flooding in Burlington which knocked out that City's capacity to
45 operate its own dispatching center.

46 Once the County negotiated with Burlington the acceptable yearly amount the City would have to pay
47 into the system to receive full dispatching services, then the effort began among all parties to the
48 Agreement to reach a fair and equitable negotiated compromise as to how such new revenues would
49 be receipted into the system so as to create a benefit to all parties in a distributed manner that they
50 could all agree with. This manifested in a series of meetings, discussions, e-mails and phone calls
51 ultimately resulting in the 58%/42% split between participant jurisdictions and the County which has
52 now received tentative acceptance from all concerned.

53 Mayor Mason, City Administrator Palenick, and City Attorney Letteney were all significantly involved
54 in the negotiations and, together with representatives of the other jurisdictions, achieved a very
55 favorable outcome. This proposed Amended Contract is one which we can now recommend without
56 reservation. The total savings begin with the next available budget year (2019) and result in total
57 cumulative contractual savings to the City of Racine of \$419,913.00.

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59 **BUDGETARY IMPACT:**

60 If the City approves and enters into this proposed amendment, we will achieve actual combined
61 savings of \$419,913.00 – received as discounts against what we would otherwise be contractually
62 obligated to pay for dispatch services for the ten-year period: 2019-2029.

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64 **OPTIONS/ALTERNATIVES:**

65 1.) To approve the proposed Amended Contract for Joint Dispatch Services as attached, allowing
66 for the city of Burlington to join as an additional party, and resulting in \$419,913.00 in
67 contractual cost savings to the City of Racine.

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69 **2.) To reject the Contract Amendment and continue operating under the terms of the existing**
70 **Agreement**

71 **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

72 **To approve the proposed Amended Contract for joint Dispatch Services as attached, and to authorize**
73 **the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the document on behalf of the City of Racine.**

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75 **ATTACHMENT(S): Amended Contract for Joint Dispatch Services; Spread-sheet showing current and**
76 **proposed break-down of cost-sharing among participants.**