

AGENDA ITEM NO. 15

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SUBJECT: APPROVE AMENDMENT II FOR 90-DAY EXTENSION OF THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF FRESNO AND THE COUNTY OF FRESNO FOR FIRE DISPATCH SERVICES

KEY RESULT AREA - 0204003000

Public Safety

RECOMMENDATIONS

On December 18, 2007, Council approved an amendment for 90-day extension of the contract between the City of Fresno and the County of Fresno for County EMS Communications to provide fire dispatch services. Staff is recommending an additional 90-day extension.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On September 20, 2005, Council approved the dispatch contract between the City of Fresno and the County of Fresno. The contract was due to expire on December 31, 2007, and on December 18, 2007, Council extended the contract for 90 days. Staff has been in discussion and negotiation with the County of Fresno for the continuation of this contract; however, at this time staff is not ready to proceed with presenting a completed contract to Council. Both agencies have been researching other dispatch performance criteria to include in the contract, and staff has not completed the evaluation. Therefore, staff is requesting Council to approve an additional 90-day extension, which will allow both agencies to continue their research and negotiations.

KEY OBJECTIVE BALANCE

This proposal provides gains in all three key objectives of Customer Satisfaction, Employee Satisfaction, and Financial Management. Customer satisfaction and employee satisfaction will be enhanced as this contract will provide continuity of emergency response services to city and county residents, which in turn result in enhanced fire and life safety services. The benefits from a financial standpoint will be that the City will be able to extend the term of the contract, providing time to complete negotiations.

FISCAL IMPACT

There will be no fiscal impact to the General Fund as the contract extension is based upon the original contract price and the amount is budgeted in the current year budget.