



RESOLUTION NO. 39374

1 REQUESTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER LONERGAN

2 A RESOLUTION relating to radio communications; authorizing the execution of
3 a Memorandum of Understanding with South Sound 911 and Pierce
4 County Combined Communications Network, for a period of one year,
5 relating to public safety radio system access fees charged to regional
6 public safety agencies in 2016.

7 WHEREAS, since 2003, the City has owned and operated its 800 MHz
8 public safety radio communications network in support of critical City services
9 and other regional public safety agencies, and assesses fees for system use
10 based on respective operating costs, and

11 WHEREAS the Information Technology Department recently announced
12 radio service access fees of \$35.65 per month, per radio (not dispatched), and
13 \$45.52 per month, per radio (dispatched), effective January 1, 2016, which
14 reflect the first increase in 13 years and are directly related to higher support
15 costs provided by Motorola, Inc., for the recently upgraded digital system, and

16 WHEREAS separately, and under a different service model with higher
17 access fees than the City, Pierce County provides radio communication
18 services to Pierce Transit and other regional public safety agencies through its
19 Combined Communications Network ("CCN"), and plans to assess fees for
20 system use based on its operating costs, and

21 WHEREAS South Sound 911 ("SS911") has proposed a cap on the fees
22 charged by the City and CCN to radio communication system users in an effort
23 to stabilize public safety radio service access fees, and
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WHEREAS, in order to establish a cap on user fees for year 2016, the SS911 Policy Board and Operations Board has allocated up to \$2,500,000 in 2016 for the purpose of partially offsetting the operating costs of the City and CCN, so that each agency would directly bill and collect from each of its customer agencies a uniform monthly service fee of \$30 per month, per radio, in 2016, and

WHEREAS, under the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) between the City, Pierce County CCN, and South Sound 911, South Sound 911 will pay the City a one-time reimbursement of \$445,859, in four quarterly payments of \$111,465 each, in exchange for City acceptance of the \$30 per month, per radio, fee from its public safety customers in 2016, while the parties continue to collaborate towards a longer-term solution in which South Sound 911 could have a role in supporting operation of both systems for participating public safety agencies; Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with South Sound 911 and Pierce County Combined Communications Network, for a period of one year, relating to public safety radio system access fees charged to regional public safety agencies in 2016,



1 said document to be substantially in the form of the proposed memorandum of
2 agreement on file in the office of the City Clerk.

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4 Adopted _____

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Mayor

7 Attest:

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City Clerk

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11 Approved as to form:

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Deputy City Attorney

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