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SUBJECT: Amendments to Interlocal Agreement authorizing South Sound 911 – August 12, 2014
DATE: July 29, 2014

SUMMARY:

Amending provisions in the Interlocal Agreement that established South Sound 9-1-1 by adding the City of Puyallup; updating language related to capital investments for the upcoming investment in a new consolidated regional dispatch, municipal emergency operations center and records facility; and deleting outdated language.

STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:

- Strengthen and support public safety, human services, public education, and diverse higher learning opportunities in Tacoma.
- Encourage and promote an open, effective, results-oriented organization.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Tacoma approved Resolution 38279 on June 2, 2011 which adopted an Interlocal Agreement establishing South Sound 9-1-1. Subsequently, Pierce County voters approved Proposition No. 1 on November 8, 2011, authorizing a countywide one-tenth of one percent local sales and use tax to fund South Sound 9-1-1. The goals of the tax included addressing:

- Aging/overcrowded dispatch facilities
- Federal and operational requirements to upgrade public safety radio infrastructure
- Greater regional efficiencies

Since the adoption of the original Interlocal, South Sound 911 has been working to identify additional regional partners. The City of Fife previously entered into a Memorandum of Understanding on October 20, 2011 indicating terms for the City of Fife’s participation and membership in South Sound 911 and was added to the Interlocal agreement by Resolution 38527 on August 21, 2012. More recently, a participation agreement with the City of Puyallup was approved by the South Sound 911 Policy Board on May 28, 2014. It is now necessary to add the City of Puyallup as a party to the Interlocal Agreement.

Currently, section 16C of the Interlocal Agreement states that Pierce County can, at its discretion, issue bonds on behalf of South Sound 911 for the purpose of financing the capital assets required by SS 911, but required that:

- The first priority for distribution of the new 1/10th of 1% sales would be for debt service payments on such bonds
- The SS911 board included funding for debt service in its annual budget .
- All Member Agencies would subsequently enter into a formal signed agreement which would identify how SS911 would continue to meet its payment obligations if the dedicated sales tax ever became unavailable or insufficient

South Sound 911 member agencies entered into a Memorandum of Agreement on July 13, 2013 to facilitate the bonding of a regional radio upgrade including radio network infrastructure, dispatch consoles and public safety radios.



South Sound 911 has completed preliminary planning for the development of a consolidated regional dispatch and records center. At this point, South Sound 911 is contemplating utilizing a 63-20 financing methodology through Pierce County.

ISSUE:

The member agencies of South Sound 911 have negotiated a number of amendments to the interlocal agreement including:

- Changes that recognizes the City of Puyallup as a member of South Sound 911
- A new section, Section 16E, which includes authorizing language for 63-20 financing and incorporates similar provisions from the July 13, 2014 Memorandum of Agreement regarding the responsibilities of member agencies should South Sound 911 experience a future shortfall in tax collection that would not allow South Sound 911 to meet its lease payment obligations of the new facility.
- Updates to now outdated language due to completion of activities originally included in the interlocal agreement and changes to terminology.

ALTERNATIVES

If the City did not approve the changes to the Interlocal, additional negotiation could occur among the parties to address areas of concern.

RECOMMENDATION:

The changes to the Interlocal allow greater regional participation in South Sound 911 and allow progress toward a new consolidated regional dispatch, municipal emergency operations center, and records facility to continue forward and staff recommends approval.