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COPY: City Council and City Clerk
SUBJECT: Request for Resolution-Interlocal Agreement with Department of Social and Health Services- May 20, 2014
DATE: May 1, 2014

SUMMARY:

A resolution authorizing the execution of an interlocal agreement with Washington Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) for use of the radio communications building and tower located at McNeil Island for a period of 5 years in exchange for the City's surplus of radio communication equipment.

STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:

- Strengthen and support public safety, human services, public education, and diverse higher learning opportunities in Tacoma - This interlocal agreement will strengthen and support the ability of police and fire to respond to emergencies by improving radio communication capabilities.

This interlocal agreement and continued use of the McNeil Island site supports the City's work and regional partnership in the South Sound 911 initiative.

BACKGROUND:

In 2004, the City Council approved an interlocal agreement with Washington Department of Corrections (DOC) for City use of this same McNeil Island building and tower in exchange for DOC use of the City's radio communications network. DOC no longer maintains a presence at McNeil Island and therefore the interlocal agreement will be canceled. DSHS now has responsibility for the building and tower and this new interlocal agreement will replace the former. The City will compensate DSHS for continued use of the building and tower by transferring City surplus radio communications equipment which has been recently replaced as part of the South Sound 911 initiative.

ALTERNATIVES: Due to the strategic location of McNeil Island and its unique radio coverage capabilities there are currently no viable alternatives to this radio site. An alternative for transfer of surplus of City assets would be payment of an annual site fee which could approach \$100,000 over the term of this contract; therefore this payment alternative is not considered viable.

RECOMMENDATION: The Information Technology Department recommends approval of an interlocal agreement with DSHS for use of the radio communications building and tower located at McNeil Island for a period of 5 years in exchange for City surplus radio communication equipment.

FISCAL IMPACT: None

FISCAL IMPACT TO CURRENT BIENNIAL BUDGET: None

ARE THE EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES PLANNED AND BUDGETED? N/A