TO: Jim Scholl, City Manager

FROM: Chief Donald Lee

DATE: October 1, 2014

RE: Communications Upgrade

Action: Authorize a onetime total payment in the amount of $335,358.51 to the Monroe County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) for the City of Key West pro-rata share of the MCSO's new radio system. The following are departments and cost centers that shall be charged: Key West Police and Key West Fire- $192,240.67 (101-2101-521.64-00), Transportation- $72,909.09 (411-4401-544.64-00), Utilities- $64,808.08 (401-3501-535.34-00), Community Services- $5,400.67 (101-1900-519.64-00).

Background: Numerous departments within the City of Key West have used the Monroe County Sheriff's Office radio system for decades. Recently the MSCO replaced their aging 800 MHz radio system with a new radio system which is P25 compliant.   P25 is a national standard that all law enforcement agencies must meet in order to allow communication interoperability amongst all law enforcement agencies if needed. The total cost for MCSO's radio system was $4,131,515. MCSO is charging its users a onetime pro-rata fee based on percentage of subscribers use to help offset their cost of the radio system.

Along with the use of the new system, the City of Key West received four new dispatching consoles, monitors, furniture and equipment for our Communications Center. Reprogramming and flashing of all of our hand held radios was also included.

Financial Impact: All funds have been budgeted in FY14/15.

Options: 1. Approve payment to MCSO and continue to use their radio system. 2. The City of Key West would have to purchase an independent radio system which would cost approximately one million dollars in addition to annual reoccurring fees.

Recommendation: It is in the City of Key West's best interest to approve the onetime payment in the amount of $335,358.51to MCSO.

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