



City Council Meeting  
June 27, 2016; 7:00 PM

Council Questions Related to Agenda Items

Alderman Buragas: Consent Agenda Item No. 7D

1. It looks like this service costs \$37,128 per year (\$111,384 for three years prepaid network airtime, pg. 94 of the budget book) - how does that compare to our current service?
2. How often will the Starcom equipment need to be replaced? Looks like we have a three year warranty -- is this considered the lifespan of the equipment?
3. Will there be any costs savings associated with this change? (i.e., will we eliminate cell phone usage?)

Response to the Questions:

From: Maria Basalay@Cityblm.org

Dear Jeff:

For what I have gathered, the initiative to join the Police, Fire and Water department's Starcom System has been mainly driven by safety, reliability and quick emergency response purposes. The previously mentioned departments use Starcom and when an emergency situation arouses, currently the only way we are able to communicate with them is by either land line phones or cell phones (we are having a lot of issues with the cell phones). By using the same communication system and efficiently and promptly responding to emergencies will ultimately benefit our citizens. Supervisors will continue using City cellular phones. I hope this helps with question #3.

Respectfully,

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From: Darren Wolf@Cityblm.org

1. At the expiration of the pre-paid airtime, Public Works will pay \$34 per month per radio to utilize the Starcom network. This rate is on a contract between Motorola and the State of Illinois. That rate is locked in until June 30, 2022.
2. We are purchasing 3 years of extended warranty/service on all of the radios being purchased. At the expiration of that 3-year period, we would likely enter into an annual maintenance agreement to protect the equipment beyond 3 years. The radios being purchased have a life span greater than 10 years.
3. I will defer this question to Public Works.

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