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CITY COUNCIL REPORT FROM STAFF

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Re:	Regional Wireless Cooperative Governance Document

Background:

In 2007, the city began the process of replacing the independent radio systems for police and fire that had many operational challenges. These systems were outdated, had no ability to allow police and fire units to communicate on the same incident, and had limited range and power.

Goodyear joined a newly created Regional Wireless Cooperative (RWC) through a City Council approved Intergovernmental Agreement. This was a startup group of 12 agencies in the Phoenix metropolitan area that banded together to create a radio system that would work seamlessly across the valley for all public safety agencies. This system allows each agency to access a modern, reliable, and highly capable, state of the art, radio system. The system was made affordable by using cost sharing based on the number of radios each agency uses.

The RWC has a Board of Directors, which consists of one executive representative from each city. The city of Goodyear representative is the Fire Chief. That board uses a governance document that was adopted and signed by each agency in October 2008. Since that time, the RWC has grown to over 19 member agencies and numerous affiliate agencies. The system has coverage, both permanent and 'as needed', well outside the

Phoenix metropolitan area. The radio system now hosts over 22,000 public safety radios and has an estimated value of more than \$120 million.

Governance:

The RWC governance document serves as the administrative and managerial rulebook used by the Board of Directors, Executive Director, and operational and technical support personnel for managing the RWC. With the success of the RWC, and growth of the collective radio system, staff felt it was time to reevaluate the governance document to accommodate future growth.

Updated Governance Document:

A Governance Working Group was tasked with conducting a detailed and deliberate review of the governance document to ensure it was effectively meeting the needs for managing the RWC. This process resulted in a significant structural reorganization of the governance document, with modified language that clarified many sections. Since the review focused primarily on structure and clarity, few substantive changes were necessary. Some of the items addressed through the latest revision include:

Definitions:

- Encryption Services Manager
- Encryption Services Operator
- General Government Service Entities

Member Categories

- Associate
- Interoperability Participants

Board of Directors:

- Chair and Vice-chair clarification
- Voting Methodology
- Representative vs Delegate clarification

Financial Management:

- Budget and Financial Planning and Reporting
- RWC Capital Equity
- Annual Audit Process

RWC Assets and Ownership:

- Clarification of Real vs Personal Property
- Clarification of Administrative Managing Member Responsibilities

With the changes presented in the updated governance document, there are no anticipated impacts to the city operationally or financially. The final revised RWC governance document will be a future Consent item for Council consideration.