

**CITY OF GOODYEAR  
COUNCIL ACTION REPORT**

<b>SUBJECT: Approval of Amended Regional Wireless Cooperative Governance Document Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA)</b>	<b>STAFF PRESENTER:</b> Paul Luizzi, Fire Chief and Chris Nadeau, Support Service Manager, Goodyear Police  <b>CASE NUMBER:</b> None  <b>OTHER PRESENTER:</b> None
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**PROPOSED ACTION:**

ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2018-1890 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HER DESIGNEE, TO AMEND THE RESTATED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT TO PLAN, DESIGN, CONSTRUCT, OPERATE, MAINTAIN AND FINANCE THE REGIONAL WIRELESS COOPERATIVE (RWC) NETWORK IN ORDER TO REPLACE THE EXISTING RWC GOVERNANCE DOCUMENT WITH A NEW GOVERNANCE DOCUMENT EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2019, WHICH AMENDS THE RULES AND POLICIES GOVERNING THE REGULATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE RWC INTERNAL AFFAIRS.

**BACKGROUND AND PREVIOUS ACTIONS:**

On June 9, 2008 staff presented resolution 08-1242 to City Council to adopt the initial Regional Wireless Cooperative (RWC) Governance Document.

Since 1997, the City of Goodyear has been working to resolve public safety radio concerns arising from the limitations of the single-site radio system in use for 10 years. In 1999, the Goodyear Fire Department became a member of the Phoenix Fire Consortium, which moved all Fire radio communications onto the Phoenix Fire Department VHF radio system, and the Goodyear Police Department absorbed the then vacant channels of the Goodyear radio system, thereby extending the life of the City-owned system. The changes provided an acceptable level of coverage north of the Gila River, an adequate level of coverage in the Estrella area, but minimal to no coverage in the Rainbow Valley area. Of further concern was that utilization of the two different systems did not allow the two Goodyear public safety agencies to communicate over the radio during incidents and events. Nor did it allow them to communicate with other public safety agencies in the greater Phoenix metropolitan area.

In an effort to resolve these issues, the City joined the Regional Wireless Cooperative (RWC) in 2008. The RWC is a cooperative of over 16 municipalities from across the metro area that are partnering to build an interoperable radio system that will allow all partners to communicate seamlessly between the various law enforcement, fire, EMS, and municipal services. Initially based on the newly installed City of Phoenix radio system, each partnering municipality is responsible for funding the necessary radio system infrastructure to expand the RWC coverage into its jurisdiction. The infrastructure is part of the interoperable system allowing public safety personnel to traverse the greater Phoenix metropolitan area while staying in radio communication with each other and with other jurisdictions. It also allows multiple public safety agencies to send

assets and personnel anywhere in the metro area to work large incidents such as structure fires or shootings. Since joining the RWC, the City has been in the design process for the Goodyear portion of the radio system infrastructure that will improve existing coverage and expand coverage into areas that the current radio system does not reach.

As you recall from the Yellow Paper (Information Sheet attached below) sent to you on August 10, 2018, there was significant structure 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 Manger
- Encryption Services Operator
- General Government Service Entities

**Board of Directors:**

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

**RWC Assets and Ownership:**

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

**Financial Management**

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

**STAFF ANALYSIS:**

The proposed amendment replaces the existing RWC governance document with a new governance document (Exhibit A) and modifies the rules and policies governing the regulations and management of the RWC's internal affairs. This amendment would be effective January 1, 2019.

Staff recommends the approval of the amendment because the cooperative model:

- Results in cost savings when compared to the city providing the same service internally
- Provides interoperability amongst fire and police departments as well as external jurisdictions
- Assists with efficient and effective public safety municipal services

**FISCAL ANALYSIS:**

The changes to the RWC governance document does not have new financial impacts. The cost for the RWC has been in the police department budget since 2009. Current Fiscal Year FY2019 has a budgeted amount of \$250,000.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt Resolution 2018-1890 of the Mayor and Council of the city of Goodyear, Maricopa County, Arizona authorizing the City Manager, or her designee, to amend the Restated Intergovernmental Agreement to Plan, Design, Construct, Operate, Maintain, and Finance the Regional Wireless Cooperative (RWC) Network in order to replace the existing RWC Governance Document with a new Governance Document effective January 1, 2019, which amend the rules and policies governing the regulation and management of the RWC's internal affairs.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Resolution No. 2018-1890
  - a. Exhibit A: Intergovernmental Agreement 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment
2. Wireless Cooperative Information Sheet
3. Resolution No. 08-1242
  - a. Intergovernmental Agreement