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**Honorable Mayor and Members of the Hermosa Beach City Council  
Regular Meeting of July 26, 2016**

**JOINT POWERS AGENCY (JPA) AGREEMENT TO FORM THE  
INTEROPERABILITY NETWORK OF THE SOUTH BAY  
(Police Chief Sharon Papa)**

**Recommended Action:**

Staff recommends that Council authorize execution of a Joint Powers Agency (JPA) Agreement to form the Interoperability Network of the South Bay.

**Background:**

The goal of the JPA will be to establish and maintain a regional, interoperable radio system to be shared by a proposed seven members: Cities of El Segundo, Gardena, Hawthorne, Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach and Torrance. In sum, the system will provide radio system coverage throughout the Area G jurisdiction and operate as a regional subsystem interdependent with a system based in Glendale known as the Interagency Communications Interoperability System (ICI), formerly known as ICIS.

As background, the City of Torrance accepted a grant for the 2014 State Homeland Security Program and approved a proposal to establish the Area G JPA, with Torrance as the Prime Site, interconnected to the ICI. By way of example, the newly formed Interoperability Network of the South Bay would provide services similar to the Los Angeles Interoperability Communications System (LA RICS). The City withdrew from LA RICS in 2015. Specifically, authorizing execution of the JPA will provide the following:

- Expand mutual aid communication and roaming coverage throughout Area G, with the proposed seven members and their 4000+ field unit radios on the same radio platform.
- Adopt the ICI model which makes direct interoperability between law, fire, and local enforcement agencies from over 80 cities beyond Area G.
- Allow the JPA to seek grant funding and award a construction contract to build the \$5 million dollar Area G Wide-Area System establishing 5 shared radio transmitter sites.

In the long term, the JPA would obtain, coordinate or assist in the funding of approximately \$20 million dollars in replacements for each member agency's mobile and portable radio inventory.

Formation of the JPA will establish a governance board of voting directors representing all seven proposed members. The JPA board will meet regularly, adopt a budget, seek capitol grant funding, allocate shared system costs, and contract for goods and services. The JPA will be a body subject to the Brown Act. The JPA Agreement provides a shared cost allocation based on each member's 3-year average calls for police and fire service.

The JPA was officially formed on May 1, 2016. As of the date of this staff report, the following cities have authorized execution of the JPA Agreement: Gardena, El Segundo, Hawthorne, and Torrance. Manhattan Beach and Redondo Beach are currently in review.

**Fiscal Implications:**

Based on the cost allocation formula contained in the Agreement, Hermosa Beach will pay approximately \$91,308/year in membership and maintenance costs. However, it is anticipated that grant funding will be utilized for the purchase and/or construction of any necessary equipment.

**Attachments:**

1. Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement to Establish a Joint Powers Agency to Create The Interoperability Network of the South Bay
2. Joint Powers Agency Cost Allocations

**Respectfully Submitted by:** Sharon Papa, Chief of Police

**Concur:** Pete Bonano, Interim Fire Chief

**Noted for Fiscal Impact:** Viki Copeland, Finance Director

**Legal Review:** Mike Jenkins, City Attorney

**Approved:** Tom Bakaly, City Manager