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City Council
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

**SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION FOR SALE AND/OR DONATION OF SURPLUS CITY POLICE
RADIOS TO OTHER PUBLIC AGENCIES**

LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT: Citywide

RECOMMENDATION:

The Procurement Services Division, on behalf of the Police Department, recommends that the City Council adopt the attached Resolution authorizing the sale and/or donation of 272 surplus City police radios to other public agencies.

CONTACT PERSON: Christopher Hadley, Police Property Supervisor, 264-8119

FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF: October 19, 1999

SUMMARY:

The Police Department currently has 272 police radios that are surplus to their needs, but which potentially could serve the needs of some other public agencies. The radios have been declared surplus because they have been replaced by newer models with more technologically advanced features. The Police Department requests authorization to sell and/or donate the surplus police radios to other public agencies.

BACKGROUND:

As noted above, the Police Department has 272 police radios that are surplus to the needs of the City, but which potentially could serve the needs of some other public agencies. The Police Department is requesting authorization to sell and/or donate the surplus police radios to other public agencies.

In 1997, the Police Department replaced their 460 MHz communications system with the 800 MHz system. As a result, 272 mobile (232 car and 34 motorcycle) two-way radios from the old 460 MHz system are no longer needed. Because some 460 MHz channels will still be utilized for special events and, if needed, during emergencies, the mobile radios should not be sold to the general public unless the police-frequency crystals are removed. Removing the crystals would require considerable staff time and would result in a significant reduction in the usefulness (and value) of the radios.

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The normal method of disposition for surplus items is sale by sealed bid or public auction. However, as noted above, it would be necessary to make modifications to the radios to disable the police-frequency access before they would be appropriate for sale to the general public. The Police Department, therefore, requests authorization to sell and/or donate the radios to other public agencies for which they could serve a useful purpose. The Police Department will first attempt to sell the radios to other law enforcement agencies. If after thirty (30) days all the radios are not sold, those remaining will be donated to interested law enforcement agencies that can still utilize these older radios.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Communications Division staff has estimated the value of the radios in their current condition to be between \$50 and \$150 per unit, and near zero if the police-frequency crystals were removed. Sale to other law enforcement agencies would probably be at the lower end of the valuation range, since their projected useful life is unknown and sales to other agencies are more likely to occur at a lower price. Any revenue obtained through the sale of the radios will be used to offset communications upgrade needs within the Police Department. If all radios cannot be sold, those remaining will be donated to interested law enforcement agencies that can still use the 460 MHz radios.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

The requirements for disposition of surplus City property (equipment/supplies) are set forth in Sacramento City Code Title 12, which allows the sale and/or donation of surplus City property to other public agencies or charitable organizations by resolution of the City Council. The Code defines "public agency" to mean "the state or any agency or subdivision thereof, any city, county, special district, or school district".

The recommendations in this report are consistent with City Council's policy of working cooperatively with other public agencies whenever possible.

ESBE CONSIDERATIONS:

Because this transaction does not involve the purchase of goods or services for the City, ESBE considerations are not applicable.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert B. Holbrook
Procurement Services Manager

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:



ROBERT P. THOMAS
City Manager

Attachment

RESOLUTION NO. 99.590

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL



ON DATE OF _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE AND/OR DONATION OF SURPLUS POLICE RADIOS TO OTHER PUBLIC AGENCIES

WHEREAS, the City of Sacramento Police Department has available as surplus property 272 police radios; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sacramento Police Department wishes to make the surplus police radios available for use by other public agencies; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sacramento supports efforts to promote the cooperation of public agencies with one another;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF SACRAMENTO that the City Council does hereby authorize the Police Department to sell and/or donate 272 surplus police radios to other public agencies.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

FOR CITY CLERK USE ONLY

RESOLUTION NO.: _____

DATE ADOPTED: _____

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