



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING**

#14-1189

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: October 7, 2014

TITLE: Motion to amend the Frequency Reconfiguration Agreement with Nextel
South Corp. (Sprint/Nextel) – revenue \$41,156.50

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve an amendment to the Frequency Reconfiguration Agreement with Nextel South Corp. (Sprint/Nextel) accepting \$41,156.50 to reimburse the City for the additional cost of the change. A portion of that money will be paid out to Pompano Beach per the Memorandum of Understanding MOU Agreement.

Background

Over the years, the Public Safety 800 MHz radio communications has been plagued with interference from commercial carriers, in particular Sprint/Nextel, who shared the same frequency spectrum for cellular telephone communications. On August 6, 2004, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) issued Order FCC 04-168, "Improving Public Safety Communications in the 800 MHz Band" or 800 MHz Reconfiguration (also known as "Rebanding"). The FCC Order requires all Public Safety Licensees having frequencies in the 806-821 MHz FCC Spectrum Band to relocate to the lower portion of the spectrum to alleviate interference from commercial carriers. This movement separates the Public Safety frequencies from the commercial carriers thus eliminating the interference.

On June 2, 2009, the City Commission approved a Frequency Reconfiguration Agreement (FRA) with Sprint/Nextel. Since that time, as changes in the level of effort to complete the project are identified, change orders are filed with Nextel. To date, three change orders have been filed. These changes orders require an amendment to the FRA. In July 2014, Information Technology Services filed a change order with Sprint/Nextel. This amendment is identified as FRA Amendment #4.

Resource Impact

There will be a positive fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$41,156.50

Strategic Connections:

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included within the Internal Support Cylinder of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- Goal 11: Be a well-trained, innovative, and neighbor-centric workforce that builds community.
- Objective 4: Provide a reliable and progressive technology infrastructure
- Initiative 1: Implement the Information Technology Strategic Plan for improved operational efficiencies and increased employee productivity.

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale Vision Plan 2035: We are United*.

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – Sprint-Nextel Amendment 4 Agreement

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