



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

#24-0042

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

FROM: Greg Chavarria, City Manager

DATE: February 6, 2024

TITLE: Motion Approving Second Municipal Amendment to Comcast Enterprise Services Master Services Agreement to include Business Internet and Ethernet Private Line Services - (**Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4**)

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve the Second Municipal Amendment to Comcast Enterprise Services Master Services Agreement No. FI-25848367-DIngb, in substantially the form attached, to include Business Internet and Ethernet Private Line services for a term of 60 months and to increase the current Master Services Agreement in the amount of \$33,850.75.

Background

The City of Fort Lauderdale continues to evolve its technological framework to keep pace with our expanding community's needs. Therefore, the existing agreement with Comcast needs to be amended for more advanced services.

Recently, the City faced an unexpected challenge when severe flooding led to an internet outage at City Hall. This crisis not only threatened our day-to-day operations, but also our ability to communicate and serve our residents effectively. During this testing time, we leveraged the Business Internet (BI) service at Tower 101 and 110 Court Liaison. This enabled us to establish a direct, stable, and reliable internet connection that kept the City's operations running smoothly, even during adversity.

Reflecting on this experience, the City needs to make Business Internet (BI) a permanent part of our agreement with Comcast. The addition of Business Internet services provides additional flexibility to deliver internet service to City offices and ensures a robust digital backbone that supports our City's operations and provides efficient service delivery, no matter the circumstances.

In addition, the severe flood also impacted our Public, Educational, and Governmental Access Channels ("PEG Channels"), including the Comcast FLTV channel. This channel, crucial for broadcasting our commission meetings, had to be temporarily shut down due to the outage. We quickly realized the importance of adding additional bandwidth speeds

for Ethernet Private Line (EPL) service in such scenarios. EPL, being a reliable and flexible internet service, can provide the necessary support to our PEG channels and ensure uninterrupted broadcasts for our community. On June 22, 2023, the Chief Procurement Officer executed a Comcast Enterprise Services Sales Order Form to move the existing PEG channels from City Hall to the Emergency Operations Center in anticipation that a Second Municipal Amendment to the Comcast Enterprise Services Master Services Agreement would be presented to the City Commission at the earliest meeting possible.

In summary, including BI and EPL into our agreement with Comcast, enables the ability to respond to critical situations as well as meeting the City’s future needs. The additional services will provide resiliency in the face of any potential digital demands or emergencies, ensuring our community continues to receive reliable, effective services, and stays connected to vital city information.

Resource Impact

There will be a fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$6,770.15. Funds are available in the FY 2024 Infrastructure & Operations Services account listed below.

<i>Funds available as of January 31, 2024</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME (Program)	CHARACTER/ ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-581-2230-516-30-3628	Infrastructure & Operations Services	Services/Material Telephone/Cable TV	\$3,677,383	\$1,850,759	\$6,770.15
TOTAL AMOUNT ►					\$6,770.15

Strategic Connections

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024 Strategic Plan*, specifically advancing:

- The Internal Support Focus Area
- Goal 8: Build a leading government organization that manages all resources wisely and sustainably.
- Objective: Provide safe, well-maintained, and efficient facilities and capital assets.

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We Are Ready*.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 - Comcast Enterprise Services MSA No. FI-25848367-DIngb and First Municipal Amendment

Exhibit 2 - Second Municipal Amendment to MSA No. FI-25848367-DIngb

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