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PUBLIC SAFETY STANDING COMMITTEE STAFF REPORT

Previous Meeting Summary and Follow Up Items

None

Expected Presentations, Reports, Discussion Items

None

Board Recommendations/Actions

Boards and Commissions....Alexander Rawles, Boards and Commissions Administrator

Next Committee Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 22, 2016, at 5:00 in City Council Chambers.

SUMMARY OF PAPERS

- 1. Ordinance No. 2016-231 (Patrons: Mayor Jones):** To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Computer-Aided Dispatch Interface User Agreement between the City of Richmond and Virginia Commonwealth University for the purpose of allowing the Virginia Commonwealth University Police Department to become an operational user of the Department of Emergency Communications' computer-aided dispatch and mobile data communications systems and facilitating interoperability between the Department of Police and the Virginia Commonwealth University Police Department.

Summary of Ordinance/Resolution and Background:

The legislation authorizes the CAO to sign the Computer-Aided Dispatch Interface User Agreement with VCU. The agreement allows the City Police Department and VCU's Police Department to communicate in joint operations. The two departments cooperate to maintain public safety within the City's boundaries.

Staff Analysis and Questions:

The term of the agreement is 5 years. The term of the agreement will automatically renew at the end of the 5 year period for a period of 1 year and will continue the 1 year renewal in succeeding years unless either party notifies the other.

The agreement states that VCU shall pay the City the following amounts for access to the system:

- 1.) 15% of the system's maintenance fee owed by the City to the software company;
 - 2.) 10% of any system upgrades, incurred by the City each fiscal year; and
 - 3.) The total monthly cost for all modems and cellular service provided to VCU by the City.
- The Committee may be interested in approximately how much revenue the City is anticipated on receiving from VCU.
 - The Committee may be interested in knowing how much the Department of Emergency Communications currently pays annually for maintenance.

Under the agreement the Department of Emergency Communications is responsible for providing the servers, databases, system administration, maintenance, interfaces, etc. The O&R request attached to the ordinance indicates there is no additional cost to the City.

- Does the Administration expect any costs for maintaining the system in future years?

Fiscal Impact:

The Administration's O&R indicates that there will be no fiscal impact or costs to the City because VCU's Police Department will provide for required workstation costs and labor.

Ordinance No. 2016-R072 (Patron: Mr. Agelasto): To impose enhanced speeding penalties pursuant to City Code § 27-163 and to authorize the placement of signs giving notice thereof on the portion of Bainbridge Street located between its intersection with Cowardin Avenue and its north intersection with West 30th Street.

Summary of Ordinance/Resolution and Background:

Resolution No. 2016-R072 proposes to impose enhanced speeding penalties on a portion of Bainbridge Street between Cowardin Avenue and 30th Street, in accordance with Va. Code § 46.2-878.2 and City Code § 102-188. The paper also authorizes appropriate signage to give public notice of newly enhanced penalties.

Staff Analysis and Questions:

Traffic Engineering has conducted a study and has found that the speed and volume of traffic justified enhanced penalties for this area.

Fiscal Impact:

Costs of signage are typically covered by the Department's operating budgets.

Ordinance No. 2016-R073 (Patron: Mr. Agelasto): To impose enhanced speeding penalties pursuant to City Code § 27-163 and to authorize the placement of signs giving notice thereof on the portion of Crutchfield Street located between Westover Hills Boulevard and West Roanoke Street.

Summary of Ordinance/Resolution and Background:

Resolution No. 2016-R073 proposes to enhanced speeding penalties on a portion of Crutchfield Street between Westover Hills Boulevard and Roanoke Street, in accordance with Va. Code § 46.2-878.2 and City Code § 102-188. The legislation also authorizes appropriate signage to give notice of the penalties.

Staff Analysis and Questions:

Traffic Engineering has conducted a study and has found that the speed and volume of traffic justified enhanced penalties for this area.

Fiscal Impact:

Costs of signage are typically covered by the Department's operating budgets.