

Office of the City Manager

City of Richland Hills, Texas

Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor Bill Agan and members of the Richland Hills City Council
From: Eric Strong, City Manager
Date: January 20, 2015
Subject: Interlocal Agreement for Acquisition of CAD/RMS System

Council Action Requested:

Approve Interlocal Agreement between the cities of North Richland Hills, Haltom City, Watagua and Richland Hills obligating each for the funds expended for the acquisition of a new CAD/RMS system.

Background Information:

The City of Richland Hills currently partners with the above mentioned cities for Dispatch and Jail services. An integral part of making the dispatch work is the Computer Automated Dispatch/Record Management System (CAD/RMS) that is utilized in the dispatch center at North Richland Hills. Currently, the four partner cities have been using a system known as CRIMES. Council might recall that at a previous Council Meeting and Public Safety Committee Meeting we discussed some of the issues that we have experienced with CRIMES. I won't recap all of the issues, but generally the problems were occurring due to the volume of calls we were experiencing. The system seemingly had a difficult time handling an organization as ours. As such, NRH began evaluating several options for replacement.

As part of their replacement study, NRH invited a representative from each of the four partner cities to sit on an official committee to evaluate the various programs and provide input. Our staff has been involved in this process for an extended period of time.

While NRH is officially purchasing the system, the cost of the system is based on the total demand of all four cities. We have calculated the calls for service from each city and used the percentage of calls as a way to determine how much each city will pay. The call and pricing breakdown, on a percentage basis, is as follows:

NRH = 47.5%

Haltom City = 32.5%

Watauga = 13.5%

Richland Hills = 6.5%

The price of the system for ALL FOUR cities is in excess of \$1,600,000. In order to make the cost more manageable, we are paying for the system over a period of seven years. The attached Interlocal Agreement is obligating us to pay for our share of the system over the next seven years. While our cost varies slightly year to year based on the structure of the agreement, our total annual cost is between \$30,000 and \$35,000 per year.

I will also note that the CRIMES system that we had also had an annual payment component to it. We were paying \$15,000 per year for our portion of the CRIMES system, and those funds were budgeted out of the Crime Control Prevention District (CCPD) Budget. I anticipate that the new system will also be paid for out of the CCPD, and there are sufficient funds available to handle the increased payment.

Board/Citizen Input: N/A

Financial Impact: Up to \$35,000 per year from CCPD

Staff Contacts:

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City Manager

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Attachments: Interlocal Agreement
Pricing Summary

**INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT
FOR ACQUISITION OF HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE FOR COMPUTER AIDED
DISPATCH SERVICES FOR THE CITIES OF
NORTH RICHLAND HILLS, HALTOM CITY,
RICHLAND HILLS, & WATAUGA TEXAS**

THE STATE OF TEXAS)(

COUNTY OF TARRANT)(

The parties to this Agreement (“AGREEMENT”), are the Cities of North Richland Hills (“NORTH RICHLAND HILLS”), Haltom City (“HALTOM CITY”), Richland Hills (“RICHLAND HILLS”), and Watauga (“WATAUGA”), all Home Rule municipalities of Tarrant County, Texas, each acting by and through its duly authorized city manager or mayor.

WHEREAS, the parties hereto in 2011 entered into an interlocal agreement for combining public safety dispatching and jail services in which North Richland Hills provides centralized dispatch services for all of the parties; and,

WHEREAS, there is a need to upgrade the computer aided dispatch/records management system/jail management system that was initially in place; and,

WHEREAS, this Agreement is authorized by and in conformance with Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code, the Interlocal Cooperation Act (the “ACT”);

NOW THEREFORE, IN CONSIDERATION OF THE MUTUAL PROMISES AND UNDERTAKINGS PROVIDED FOR HEREIN, THE RECEIPT AND SUFFICIENCY OF WHICH ARE HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGED, NORTH RICHLAND HILLS, HALTOM CITY, RICHLAND HILLS, AND WATAUGA HEREBY AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: North Richland Hills agrees to purchase and obtain professional services, maintenance services, and a license to use software owned by Spillman Technologies Inc. and third party hardware and software identified in Exhibit B to the contract between North Richland Hills and Spillman Technologies, Inc. attached hereto for an initial cost as therein stated and thereafter to pay Spillman Technologies, Inc. an annual maintenance fee as stated therein. This software is a replacement to the software used at the time the original agreement between the parties hereto for public safety dispatching and detention and is what will be used under the contract as recently amended.

Section 2: The parties hereto agree to share the cost of the purchase as follows:

North Richland Hills=47.5%
Haltom City=32.5%
Watauga=13.5%
Richland Hills=6.5%

Section 3: Haltom City, Watauga, and Richland Hills agree to pay their portion of the initial cost in 14 equal semiannual payments due February 1 and August 1 over a period of seven years, with the first such payment to be due and payable February 1, 2015. Payment includes bond principal and interest payments (interest on bonds 2.93672%) and each agree to pay their portion of the cost of annual maintenance fees on August 1 of each year through 2021 and thereafter for as long as the Interlocal contract for combined public safety dispatching and detention is in effect. The obligation to pay the cost and maintenance fees

shall not be reduced for any of such cities which discontinue their participation in the combined public safety dispatching and detention project for which this purchase is being made.

Section 4. Haltom City, Watauga, and Richland Hills each agree to execute a Shared Agency Agreement as contemplated by Section 4.4 of the contract between North Richland Hills and Spillman Technologies, Inc.

Section 5. Haltom City, Watauga, and Richland Hills acknowledge that this is a contract subject to Subchapter I of Chapter 271, Texas Local Government Code and that immunity has been waived by such subchapter for breaches hereof, subject to the limitations of such statute. Interest and reasonable and necessary attorney fees may be recovered for a breach hereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands this the ____ day of _____, 2015, in duplicate originals.

CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS, TEXAS

CITY OF HALTOM CITY, TEXAS

By: Mark Hindman
City Manager

By: Thomas J. Muir
City Manager

CITY OF RICHLAND HILLS, TEXAS

CITY OF WATAUGA, TEXAS

By: Eric Strong
City Manager

By: Hector F. Garcia
Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: George Staples
City Attorney for North Richland Hills

By: Wayne Olson
City Attorney for Haltom City

By: Betsy Elam
City Attorney for Richland Hills

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City Attorney for Watauga

