

## REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

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**DATE:** June 6, 2017

**TITLE:** (Continued from May 16, 2017)  
**Approval of Second Amendment to the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement of the Eastern Riverside County Interoperable Communications Authority (ERICA)**

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

**Approve Second Amendment to the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement of the Eastern Riverside County Interoperable Communications Authority (ERICA).**

### **BACKGROUND**

The City partners with other municipalities in the Coachella Valley, and Beaumont, in a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) to acquire, plan, design, finance, construct, operate and maintain a regional communications system (ERICA). This system includes, but is not limited to, radio/dispatch services, computer aided dispatch and records management for public safety. The technological needs of Police Departments and other public safety areas served by the JPA needs to be expanded to allow for upgrades to the current systems, allow for regional public safety projects and regional grant funding.

### **DISCUSSION**

The Mayor, The Honorable Scott Matas, is a member ERICA Board of Directors and Police Chief Dale Mondary is a member of the ERICA Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). ERICA is currently limited in scope to plan, design, finance, construct, operate and maintain a public safety radio communication system, facilities and related structure and appurtenances and incidental improvements. ERICA staff, the Board of Directors and TAC have expressed a desire to expand the current joint powers agreement to include a broader range of public safety projects and project funding options. The proposed changes to the JPA could allow for regional public safety projects, include computer aided dispatch, records management, body worn cameras and regional grant funding.

Approving the second amendment to the JPA would allow the ERICA Staff to enhance current infrastructure of not only the 800mhz radio system but repeaters, and computer aided dispatch. It would also allow for grant funding opportunities for regional public safety projects. For example, if two agencies were changing their Records Management System they each, independently, would have to seek vendors through an RFP process. Approving the second amendment would allow ERICA Staff to assist with the process and search for grant opportunities, where many federal grants require multi agency participation. The ERICA Board believes that expanding their purpose to include Public Safety Projects is the best and most efficacious manner to serve the member agencies.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The City currently pays approximately \$321,000.00 a year for the ERICA system. There is no immediate fiscal impact to the City. Any additional costs must be approved by the ERICA Board of Directors, of which the City has a representative, and then those shared costs must be approved by the City Council.

### **EXHIBIT(S)**

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| 1) Proposed Second Amendment to the JPA | 3) ERICA JPA Amendment (to include Beaumont                   |
| 2) ERICA Bylaws Amended June 14, 2012   | 4) Blackline Comparison of Original and 2nd Amendment Changes |