

RESOLUTION R-5441

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND THE PUGET SOUND EMERGENCY RADIO NETWORK (PSERN) OPERATOR INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT.

1 WHEREAS, King County currently has a countywide
2 emergency public safety radio network, the King County
3 Emergency Radio Communication System ("KCERCS"), supports
4 over seventeen thousand radios and nearly two hundred separate
5 police, fire, emergency medical and other governmental agencies;
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8 WHEREAS, portions of KCERCS are separately owned by
9 the Eastside Public Safety Communications Agency ("EPSCA"),
10 Valley Communications Center ("ValleyCom"), the City of Seattle,
11 and King County, with a jointly owned switch controlling the entire
12 network; and
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14 WHEREAS, the KCERCS system is over twenty years old
15 and is increasingly unsupported by the supplier of the system's
16 equipment, software and related parts; and
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18 WHEREAS, the cities of Auburn, Bellevue, Federal Way,
19 Issaquah, Kent, Kirkland, Mercer Island, Redmond, Renton,
20 Seattle, and Tukwila and King County ("Parties") have determined
21 that it is in the public interest that a new public safety radio
22 system, referred to as the Puget Sound Emergency Radio System
23 ("PSERN"), be implemented to provide public safety agencies and
24 other user groups in the region with improved coverage and
25 capacity, as well as uniformly high-quality radio communications;
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28 WHEREAS, the Parties in 2015 entered into the Puget
29 Sound Emergency Radio Implementation Period Interlocal
30 Cooperation Agreement ("Implementation Period ILA") that
31 designates King County as the lead agency for planning,
32 procurement, financing, implementation and limited operation of
33 PSERN. The Implementation Period ILA also establishes a Joint
34 Board to oversee the PSERN Project implementation; and
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36 WHEREAS, the Parties each gave their 800 MHz
37 frequencies to the PSERN Project that will become elements of the
38 new PSERN system and will eventually be owned by the PSERN
39 Operator; and
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41 WHEREAS, the Parties to the Implementation Period ILA
42 have negotiated a separate agreement, the Puget Sound
43 Emergency Radio Network Operator Interlocal Cooperation
44 Agreement to create a new separate governmental agency under
45 RCW 39.34.030(3)(b) that is organized as a non-profit corporation
46 under Chapter 24.06 RCW to assume the ownership and control
47 of PSERN following full system acceptance; and
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49 WHEREAS, in addition to creating the new agency to be
50 called the PSERN Operator, the PSERN Operator ILA establishes
51 the terms for governance of the PSERN Operator and the terms
52 under which the PSERN Operator will undertake responsibility for
53 the ownership, operations, maintenance, management and on-
54 going upgrading/ replacing of the PSERN system during its useful
55 life; and
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57 WHEREAS, the PSERN Joint Board, created by the
58 Implementation Period ILA, has approved the PSERN Operator ILA
59 by unanimous vote as of February 27, 2020 for legislative approval
60 by the Parties.
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62 NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the
63 City of Kirkland as follows:
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65 Section 1. The City Manager is hereby authorized and
66 directed to sign all documents necessary to enact the Puget Sound
67 Emergency Radio Network Operator Interlocal Cooperation
68 Agreement in substantially the same form as Attachment A to this
69 resolution, with King County and the cities of Auburn, Bellevue,
70 Federal Way, Issaquah, Kent, Mercer Island, Redmond, Renton,
71 Seattle and Tukwila for the Puget Sound Emergency Radio
72 Network Operator and to take all actions necessary to implement
73 the terms of the interlocal agreement.

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Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open meeting this 21 day of July, 2020.

Signed in authentication thereof this 21 day of July, 2020.



Penny Sweet, Mayor

Attest:



Kathi Anderson, City Clerk