

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE August 5, 2022

TO Honorable Members of the Public Safety Committee: Adam McGough (Chair),
Cara Mendelsohn (Vice Chair), Tennell Atkins, Jesse Moreno, Jaime Resendez,
Casey Thomas, Gay Donnell Willis

SUBJECT **August 10, 2022, City Council Draft Agenda Item #51; 22-1561 Locution Systems**

The following agenda item is scheduled to go before City Council on August 10, 2022.

Draft Agenda Item #51; 22-1561

Authorize Supplemental Agreement No. 10 to increase the service contract with Locution Systems, Inc. for continued maintenance and support of the existing automated fire station alerting system and to extend the term from September 28, 2022 to September 27, 2025 – Not to exceed \$182,906, from \$258,538 to \$441,444 - Financing: Data Services Fund (subject to annual appropriations)

Background

Each City of Dallas Fire Station is equipped with hardware and software that receives real-time incident information from the City's Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) system which provides audible alerts to station personnel to respond to emergencies. When an emergency call is placed to 911, the call for response is routed to the appropriate Fire Station and the alerting system announces details of the incident through loudspeakers located in the station house.

The current automated fire station alerting system, Locution Systems, Inc., was procured more than 15 years ago and has not been significantly enhanced or updated since its original installation. While regular maintenance has been performed to maintain the operation of the system, it has not been upgraded to provide additional features and capabilities that are currently available in the marketplace.

The Information and Technology Services (ITS) Department and Dallas Fire and Rescue (DFR) are working in collaboration to modernize the fire station alerting system. To date, the team has conducted extensive market research and received capability demonstrations from multiple vendors. In addition, DFR leadership has reached out to other Fire Departments across the state and country to discuss the solutions they have in place. The market research has been used to develop a Request for Proposals (RFP) that will be publicly released seeking vendors to provide a replacement system for the City. Staff anticipates that the RFP will be released by September 30, 2022 and anticipates the completion of the technical evaluation and selection of a vendor by January 31, 2023.

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Draft agenda item #51 seeking to extend the current agreement with Locution Systems, Inc. and to increase the funding on the contract is necessary to provide continued maintenance and support of the existing automated fire station alerting system until such time the new system has been procured and is implemented.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (214) 670-5299.



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