



Request for City Council Committee Action From the Department of Public Works

Date: January 8, 2008
To: Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee
Subject: **Renewal of Joint Powers Agreement for Metropolitan Emergency Services Board**

Recommendation:

- Authorization to renew Joint Powers Agreement with the Metropolitan Emergency Services Board.
- Pursuant to Article III, Section 1 of the Joint Powers Agreement renewal, the City of Minneapolis elects to have one representative who shall have the authority to cast its two votes on the Board. The City of Minneapolis hereby appoints Councilmember Elizabeth Glidden as its representative and Councilmember Paul Ostrow to serve as alternate representative to serve from January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008 as provided in the Joint Powers Agreement.

Previous Directives:

April 29, 2005 – City Council approved entering into Joint Powers Agreement with the Metropolitan Emergency Services Board.

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Approved by:

Steven A. Kotke, P.E., City Engineer, Director of Public Works

Presenters: Greg Goeke, Director of Property Services

Permanent Review Committee (PRC)	Approval <input type="checkbox"/>	Not applicable <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Policy review Group (PRG)	Approval <input type="checkbox"/>	Not applicable <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

- No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)
- Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget
- Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget
- Action provides increased revenue
- Action requires use of contingency or reserves
- Business Plan: Action is within the plan. Action requires a change to plan.
- Other financial impact (Explain):
- Request provided to department's Finance Dept. contact when provided to the Committee Coordinator

Community Impact

Neighborhood Notification:	Not Applicable
City Goals:	A Safe Place to Call Home
Comprehensive Plan:	Not Applicable
Zoning Code:	Not Applicable

Background/Supporting Information:

In 1999, the City entered into a cooperative agreement with the newly formed Metropolitan Radio Board (MRB) to participate as an initial user in a Digital Trunked 800 MHz Regional Radio System. The original 800 MHz project was a joint project with several other jurisdictions to develop a regional interoperable radio system.

The Metropolitan Radio Board terminated pursuant to Minnesota law and was replaced by the Metropolitan Emergency Services Board (MESB) in July 2005. The MESB's mission is to support public safety for the residents of Anoka, Carver, Chisago, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott and Washington Counties by maintaining and enhancing 911 service, interoperable regional radio system and facilitating coordination of Emergency Medical Services.

The Minneapolis City Council approved entering into a Joint Powers Agreement with the MESB on April 29, 2005. This Joint Powers Agreement expired at the end of 2007. The proposed renewal agreement will extend the term of the Joint Powers Agreement for five years. The Office of the City Attorney reviewed the proposed renewal and did not identify any legal issues.

The terms and conditions of the Joint Powers Agreement allow the City the choice of having one or two representatives to serve on the MESB. We are recommending the City continue to have one permanent representative with the authority to cast both votes and one alternate representative. The first member and alternate appointed shall serve from January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008.

It should be noted that while the Joint Powers Agreement stipulates appointments to the board for one year terms (if reappointments are not made, the incumbent representative shall serve until a successor is appointed), the Minneapolis City Council has traditionally made appointments to this board at its organizational meeting on even numbered years.

Therefore, we recommend the Council renew the MESB Joint Powers Agreement. To be consistent with the Agreement, we also recommend, pursuant to Article III, Section 1 of the Agreement that the City appoint Councilmember Elizabeth Glidden as its representative and Councilmember Paul Ostrow to serve as the alternate representative to serve from January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008 as provided in the Joint Powers Agreement.

CC: Council Member Elizabeth Glidden
Council Member Paul Ostrow
Chief James Clack
Chief Tim Dolan
John Dejung