

SPECIAL BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, September 15, 2005
Committee Room #2

PRESENT: Aids. Bruderle-Baran, Casey, Grimm, Herzog, Jenkins, Maher, Stepaniak – 7

EXCUSED: Ald. Purins

ALSO PRESENT: Aids. Birschel, Treis; T. Wontorek, City Admin.; R. Braier, Finance Dir.; Chief B. Weber, Police; Capt. J. Reit, Police; Chief D. Redman, Fire; Deputy Chief M. Anton, Fire; T. Otzelberger; Info. Systems Mgr.; M. Dahlen, Public Safety Analyst; J. Bembenek, Purchasing Mgr.

Ald. Bruderle-Baran as Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Change of Purpose from radio system upgrades account to property and evidence storage out-building account

Capt. Reit said the police department has two free-standing garages that are used for evidence and equipment storage. These buildings are in disrepair. The department would like to raze these structures and replace them with one free-standing storage building. The replacement building would be compatible with neighboring homes and provide the space needed for storage and the ever increasing amount of physical property recovered or turned in to the police department. He said they would like to remove this item from the 5 year capital plan and finance construction in 2005 with \$49,000 partially earmarked for the 800 MHZ radio repair. This proposal requires a change of purpose.

Capt. Reit said the proposed structure would be 70 feet in length and used as follows: 1) 40 feet for property and evidence storage, 2) 12 feet for an evidence bay, and 3) 18 feet for storing the speed monitoring trailer, police squad utility vehicle, trailers, and the bicycle patrol unit. He added that the public works department has offered to raze the buildings and remove the concrete slabs. The cost would then be reduced by approximately \$4,500 for a net cost of \$44,500. He recommended the construction of the replacement structure with funds originally budgeted for a radio system upgrade and that this be designated as a non-lapsing account.

Moved by Ald. Jenkins, seconded by Ald. Stepaniak to recommend approval of the Change of Purpose from the radio system upgrades account to the evidence storage out-building account for the construction of a replacement storage building --

Mr. Wontorek said that maintenance of the facility is under the supervision of the building maintenance department. Capt. Reit noted that the department will actually save money by building a new structure because the cost for repairing the current building was approximately \$47,000.

Vote on the motion was Ayes: 7

Change of Purpose form the radio system software upgrades account for radio system hardware upgrades

Capt. Reit said that in 2004, the police department received \$134,000 for the 2005 budget in order to complete upgrades to the 800 MHZ radio system. This system serves the police, fire, and public works departments as well as Mayfair Mall security. The department successfully lobbied the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Department to attach the department's radio upgrade request with their request for radio upgrades to the City of Milwaukee

for inclusion in its application for Urban Area Security Initiative (URASI) grant money. The department was notified in June that the request was approved and that the URASI grant would cover the complete upgrade of our radio system software. They had hoped that an additional request for dispatch consoles and monitor upgrades would be approved, but it was not.

Capt. Reit said that when the department requested the radio system upgrade money, they thought they would be policing the County Grounds. Console and monitor money had been included in the proposal to the County. That negotiation has stalled and they are left without money to upgrade the physical aspects of the emergency dispatch center. They are requesting \$49,000 from the radio system software upgrades account for physical upgrades for the dispatch center and connected computer/server room. He recommended the Change of Purpose and that current Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG) money be used to co-fund this project. This grant expires in October.

Moved by Ald. Stepaniak, seconded by Ald. Herzog to recommend approval of the Change of Purpose from the radio systems upgrade account to the radio system hardware upgrades account as well as LLEBG funds for physical upgrades of the dispatch center and connected computer/server room – 7

Change of Purpose from the radio system upgrades account for public safety software upgrades

Capt. Reit said that in 2003, the information systems department proposed placing a minimum of \$400,000 into the 5 year capital plan to replace the aging public safety software. The limitations of the system were restricting the advances in technology the department wants to make and it no longer complies with federal standards. The reliability of the city's aging server was a grave concern as well. In August, 2004 the department received notification from the states Crime Information Bureau that Homeland Security requirements would mandate encryption of all wireless broadcasts of federal information effective September, 2005. The department's current software broadcasts this type of information to mobile data computers in the squad cars, via the sheriff department's 800 MHz radio frequency and could easily be intercepted.

Capt Reit said that the police department became aware of a new public safety software design company called Key Power International (KPI). KPI selected the Wauwatosa Police Department as the sole agency in the country to assist with KPI's development of this new technology. In January, 2005, the department entered into a beta test agreement with KPI and realized that KPI's Phoenix Software was the state-of-the-art browser based software they were hoping for. The beta test has progressed well. In May, the department implemented the Records Management Software. In July, the Computer Aided Dispatch module was added. The fire department RMS software is nearing development and will be installed for beta testing in the near future.

Capt. Reit said the police department has received cost system interfaces, data conversions, and state-of-the-art mapping features that interface with the city's Global Imaging System (GIS). The department is also guaranteed future upgrades as technology in the State of Wisconsin advances to allow for electronic citation and accident reporting capabilities. KPI proposed a cost of \$308,550 for the Records Management and Computer Aided Public Safety Dispatch software. An additional \$39,044 was quoted for the Fire Records Management system. For our testing efforts, KPI has offered a \$273,100 discount on the police RMS and Fire/Police CAD software and a \$19,050 discount on the fire RMS software. As a result of the department's relationship with KPI, the software cost has been reduced to \$35,450 and the interface costs are included with the purchase. This is an incredibly small investment for the purchase of an entire public safety software system. Due to the upgradeable Microsoft.net browser-based architecture of this system, it should easily enjoy a 10 year life span. He recommended approval for the Change of Purpose for the purchase of KPI's public safety software system.

Moved by Ald. Jenkins, seconded by Ald. Casey to recommend approval of the Change of Purpose from the radio system upgrades account to the Public Safety software upgrades account for the purchase of public safety software --

Both Aids. Casey and Jenkins complimented the police department saying that working with KPI showed great initiative. Ald. Casey asked how close the department was to having the system completely installed. Capt. Reit said the system has been almost completely installed since July. They have placed notebooks in the squads and have GPS mapping capabilities.

Ald. Bruderle-Baran asked if this system will eliminate any meltdowns in a crisis situation. Capt. Reit noted that on Tuesday, September 13th the electrical power went out; consequently the entire current communications system blew out. The current server is too old and couldn't handle the increased demand.

Ald. Stepaniak asked about the status of KPI and if they are publicly traded. Capt. Reit said that Key Power International is a privately owned company. They provide services to the New York Police Department and other law enforcement agencies and they are based in New Jersey. He said there are a number of local area law enforcement agencies interested in their product. He added that KPI offers national search capability.

In response to questions regarding the life expectancy of the software system, Capt. Reit said that they expect the software to last approximately 10 years with regular upgrades. He noted that they are also moving to a single server.

Ald. Maher asked if the GPS system had other applications for other areas of the city. Capt. Reit responded that they have a new product called Microsoft Map Point similar to MapQuest. They have shared this software with the water and health departments.

Capt. Reit added that KPI's parent company is individually held. The owner has opted to stay private. He has 15 years experience in the software business. In response to questions regarding what would happen if the company had a problem, Ms. Dahlen said the contract they will sign will say that the source code will go to the Wauwatosa Police Department. The programs are written in standard Visual Basic.

Vote on the motion was Ayes: 7

Public Service Commission reimbursement and/or funding in accordance with the E-911 wireless surcharge legislation of 2003

Capt. Reit said the police department submitted 10 items, totaling \$203,271 to the Public Service Commission (PSC) for reimbursement and/or funding. This is in accordance with the E-911 wireless surcharge legislation of 2003. The money may soon be disbursed. The PSC has informed them that their application has been accepted and meets their standards for reimbursement. The PSC has also received more requests than anticipated and they are unable to delineate what percentage will be reimbursed or funded. The department will inform the committee when the funds are received. They propose that these reimbursements be re-invested into the public safety communications and computer infrastructure.

It was the consensus of the committee to accept the report.

Public safety computer server and storage for police department

Mr. Otzelberger said the city purchased a single server with internal disk storage for use by the fire and police departments' Computer Aided Dispatch and Records Management Systems. The system was "state of the art" at that time, but is now old and outdated. There is no built-in redundancy for the server or disk storage for this system. Without this redundancy and backup failover capability, a system crash would bring the entire Public Safety Records and Computer Aided Dispatch operation to a halt. If serious or life threatening calls come in when the server is down, the consequences could be disastrous. The age of the equipment and recent changes in technology require an immediate replacement. They solicited bids from five major providers. These are companies that specialize in mass storage. This system provides a redundant dual server system with no single point of failure and adequate network disk storage that would provide for the redundancy and storage needs of the dispatch center.

Mr. Otzelberger said the projected life of this system is five years with a total cost not to exceed \$175,000. The police department can contribute \$15,000 by reducing the number of in-car video systems they will purchase this year. The police department anticipates receiving a reimbursement grant from the state's Public Service Commission (PSC). They have indicated that they could apply the unallocated portion of the PSC grant toward this purchase. The available amount is anticipated to be \$103,482. The Information Systems Department would also like to reallocate \$20,000 from 2005 budgeted funds to cover a portion of the cost. The remainder would be made up of funds from the 2005 general fund surplus that is not appropriated. He recommended accepting the proposal to purchase a dual server system and storage area network including maintenance from Berbee Information Networks Corp (BINC). and Microsoft software licensing from CDW-G. This proposal dovetails with the software proposal from Key Power International (KPI) for a new Records Management and Computer Aided Dispatch software system.

Ald. Stepaniak asked if the police department is anticipating that the PSC grant will provide approximately half of the \$175,000. Capt. Reit said they are counting on \$103,000. Ald. Stepaniak observed that in order to fund this purchase, \$145,000 is needed from the general surplus. Mr. Braier said that at the end of the year the city would have a surplus that is approximately 11% of the city budget or a surplus of approximately \$5 million. Ald. Stepaniak asked about the urgency of the purchase. Capt. Reit stressed that the new public safety software system is a sequel server database which provides the backup, but the current server cannot handle it.

Ald. Casey noted that there is a battery backup system that comes on until the generator can kick in. Capt. Reit said they have a powerful generator. He said they have tried to design systems for the worst case scenario.

Ald. Herzog asked about the disaster recovery system. Mr. Otzelberger said that system is for supporting the GEMS software program. He said the police department has a service contract with that company that provides for a 4 hour response time for anything that might break in the system. With the redundancy of the new software built in the server shouldn't go down with scheduled maintenance. He noted that when the system went out for bids, IBM referred them to BINC, a member of the VALUE Bid. They have a very excellent reputation. Hewlett Packard also referred them to Unisys, but Unisys was not on the low end of the bidding.

Addressing the committee's concerns regarding the urgency of the purchases, Capt. Reit said they saw an opportunity to get the whole package for less than a third of the price of the software alone. The recent storm and power outage which was one of the largest power outages in the state convinced them of the urgency of installing this system.

Moved by Ald. Maher, seconded by Ald. Stepaniak to recommend approval of the purchase of a dual server system and storage area network including maintenance from Berbee Information Networks Corp (BINC). and Microsoft software licensing from CDW-G in amount not to exceed \$175,000 --

Ald. Bruderle-Baran said she was nervous about spending money out of the surplus because of the danger of setting a precedent. Capt. Reit responded that he didn't think that there is any higher priority than public safety.

Mr. Wontorek noted that there was no formal action previously required from the Council on this item. The information on the history of the needs in the public safety area and work being done to address those needs have been included in the monthly reports on an ongoing basis.

Ald. Stepaniak requested a report to the committee on what money was received from PSC. He acknowledged that five years in the technology world can bring a lot of change. He also requested that the Information Systems department create a plan for some months ahead so the committee can know what is coming up. He noted that there are consequences to a fair and appropriate distribution of the money amongst the departments.

Ald. Casey said that in the past the committee has been presented with urgent requests. In this case, he applauded the VALUE Bid and the work done on the software purchase. He stressed that this could have been

put on the Budget and Finance Committee agenda as an informational item two months ago. It doesn't hurt to give the committee a heads up when there are pending bid initiatives.

Vote on the motion was Ayes: 7

Five year contract with Twin City Security for crossing guard services

Mr. Wontorek said that the city has contracted with Twin City Security for crossing guard services since 1995. In 2001 the city entered into a five year contract with them and, based on positive experience with the firm, did so without soliciting bids. Twin City has provided reliable crossing guard services on an on-going basis and has been very responsive to concerns about the occasional complaints. They have reliably staffed all of the contracted locations during the five year period with rare exceptions. The company also has a high retention rate of employees. The company was very willing to work with the city earlier this year when the city proposed removal of the lunchtime crossing guards on a trial basis. They continued to work cooperatively with the city when the change was made permanent in September.

Twin City Security has been willing to hold the rate steady for 2006 at \$14.91 per hour. The proposed 2006 budget includes \$182,000 for this service, a reduction of approximately 30% from 2005 because of the change for lunch hours. The budgets for the future years would increase by approximately 1.5% annually. He recommended waiver of the bidding requirements and approval of the five year contract with Twin City Security which will be effective from July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2011.

Moved by Ald. Stepaniak, seconded by Ald. Maher to recommend approval a waiver of the bidding requirements and approval of the five year contract with Twin City Security effective July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2011 --

Ald. Grimm asked why this contract was not going to bid. Mr. Wontorek cited the numerous, serious problems the city had with the previous company supplying crossing guard services. He noted that Twin City has been extremely reliable and they are holding the ir rates steady with some reasonable future increases.

Ald. Casey agreed that the service with the previous vendor was very bad. He agreed about the bid system, but in this case the company involved has been very good for the city while providing a very valuable public safety service.

Ald. Maher said he had some concerns regarding any liability connected with this service. Mr. Wontorek noted that there is language in the contract that provides for punitive action should there be any problems.

Vote on the motion was Ayes: 6, Noes: 1 (Grimm)

Purchase of a replacement fire department command vehicle

Chief Redman said they would like to purchase a replacement Chevrolet Suburban for the current Suburban that serves as the department's command vehicle. They have been advised that the manufacturer is planning to discontinue the current body style and will be limiting the production of the 2006 models to those ordered by September 30, 2005. The base cost is \$32,218 plus a wheel upgrade of \$420 for a total price of \$32,638. The VALUE Bid supplier is Ewald Automotive Group. He said the 2006 executive budget recommended allocating funds to the 2005 fire department Apparatus Reserve Account in the amount of \$34,000. The vehicle cost is less than originally requested for the 2006 budget. Another consideration is that all of the equipment that will be transferred to this vehicle was made to fit the current model. He recommended approving funding in the 2005 budget to purchase a replacement command vehicle. He further recommended awarding the purchase for a total cost of \$32,638 to the Ewald Automotive Group under VALUE purchase pricing for a total cost of \$32,638.

Mr. Bembenek added that the new model will be more expensive and have a different configuration and measurements.

Moved by Ald. Casey, seconded by Ald. Maher to recommend approval of the award of purchase of a replacement command vehicle to Ewald Automotive Group under VALUE purchase pricing for a 2006 ¾ ton 4WD Chevrolet Suburban with upgraded wheel covers in the amount of \$32,638 – 7

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Carla A. Ledesma, City Clerk
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