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**Title:** Fire Wireless Headsets and Equipment

### Attachments:

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## Fire Wireless Headsets and Equipment

### Action:

- A. Approve a unit price contract to the lowest responsive bidder, Bear Communications Inc., for the purchase of wireless headsets and equipment for two years, and**
- B. Authorize the City Manager to renew the contract for up to three, one-year terms with possible price adjustments, and to amend the contract consistent with the purpose for which the contract was approved.**

### **Staff Resource(s):**

Reginald Johnson, Fire  
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### **Explanation**

- Charlotte Fire currently uses wireless headsets in Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting trucks to enhance on-scene communications and safety during fire incidents and technical rescues. The units connect crews in the apparatus to crews on scene. This is critically important, especially when vision is limited.
- These integrated headsets provide hearing protection for fire apparatus officers while maintaining the ability to hear and respond to on-scene communications.
- Wireless headsets allow for safer apparatus positioning as the on-scene officer and driver can communicate more effectively while also keeping both hands free to maneuver the apparatus.
- On April 25, 2018, The City issued an Invitation to Bid; five bids were received.
- Bear Communications was selected as the lowest responsive bidder.
- This purchase would allow Fire to issue a headset to approximately half of the engine companies (20 engines).
- Estimated annual expenditures are \$90,000.

### **Charlotte Business INClusion**

No subcontracting goal is established because there are no subcontracting opportunities (Part B: Section 2.1 (a) of the Charlotte Business INClusion Policy).

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding: 2016 Assistance to Firefighters Grant