

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE JERSEY VILLAGE
CRIME CONTROL AND PREVENTION DISTRICT**

April 22, 2024 – 7:00 p.m.

The Crime Control and Prevention District (CCPD) of the City of Jersey Village, Texas, convened on April 22, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the Civic Center Auditorium located at 16327 Lakeview, Jersey Village, Texas.

A. Open Meeting - The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Vice President Michelle Mitcham with the following present:

Vice President, Michelle Mitcham
Director, Drew Wasson
Director, Sheri Sheppard
Director, James Singleton
Director, Jennifer McCrea
Director, Austin Bless

City Attorney, Bridgette Begle
City Secretary, Lorri Coody

President, Bobby Warren, and City Attorney, Justin Pruitt were not present at this meeting.

Staff in attendance: Robert Basford, Assistant City Manager; Mark Bitz, Fire Chief; Danny Keele, Chief of Police; Isabel Kato, Finance Director; and Abram Syphrett, Director of Innovation and Technology.

B. CITIZENS' COMMENTS - Any person who desires to address the Crime Control and Prevention District (CCPD) Board regarding an item on the agenda will be heard at this time. In compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, unless the subject matter of the comment is on the agenda, the City staff and CCPD Members are not allowed to discuss the subject. Each person is limited to five (5) minutes for comments to the CCPD Board.

There were no public comments.

C. Consider approval of the minutes of the CCPD Meeting held on July 17, 2023.

Director Bless moved to approve the minutes of the CCPD Meeting held on July 17, 2023. Director Wasson seconded the motion. The vote follows:

Ayes: Directors Wasson, Sheppard, Singleton, McCrea, and Bless
Vice President Mitcham

Nays: None

The motion carried.

D. Consider Resolution No. 2024-01, amending the 2023-2024 Crime Control and Prevention District's (CCPD) Budget in the amount of \$262,002.19 and authorizing the funding for the purchase of new police radios and accessory equipment from the Crime Control Prevention District Fund.

Police Chief, Danny Keele introduced the item. Background information is as follows: The Jersey Village Police Department is requesting \$262,002.19 from the CCPD budget to purchase new police radios and accessory equipment to include earpieces and portable radio cases. New police radios and accessory equipment is essential to uphold the highest standards of safety and protection for our citizens. Effective and reliable police radio communication is

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a critical lifeline that ensures the safety of our officers in the field and provides a crucial layer of liability protection for our city.

Our current police radios were purchased in 2012 for the amount of \$220,998.00. These radios have surpassed their operational lifespan. According to the manufacturer these radios were designed and expected to serve effectively for a period of five to seven years. These devices have doubled the manufacturer's recommended time frame. Due to the age of the radios, there has been an increase in repairs along with issues related to the radios' efficiency and reliability. The warranty coverage has expired, and the department has experienced a notable increase in maintenance costs along with the radios being out of service for extended periods of time for repairs.

Uninterrupted radio communication can be the difference between life and death for police officers and our community. The reliability of our current radios presents a risk for our officers' safety. This risk increases liability concerns for the City. The proposed upgrade to new radios is a necessary step towards enhancing our operational capabilities and addressing the safety and liability concerns associated with the age of our old radios.

The inquiry into purchasing new radios began during the 2023-2024 budget planning process. At that time, the Department began researching multiple radio manufacturers. Each radio manufacturer had its own set of unique benefits and concerns. A decision was made at that time to be diligent in our efforts to ensure all options were explored before requesting funding for an expenditure of this magnitude.

In an attempt to be fiscally responsible, the request for the purchase comes mid-year in an attempt to save money. The Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) Buy Board has announced a price increase of approximately 9.45%, which is set to take effect in June 2024. By securing the purchase of new radios and accessory equipment before this deadline, the City stands to avoid this cost increase. This request for funding to upgrade our police radios is driven by the need to maintain the highest levels of public safety, officer safety, and fiscal responsibility.

Included with the agenda item you will find the quote from Northwest Communications, an HGAC Buy Board Member, for \$254,744.80 representing the cost of the new radios. This quote also includes the cost should the City wait until after June 2024 to purchase these same radios at a significant increase.

Also included in the request is the cost for radio earpieces from N-ear at \$5,212.19 and the cost of the portable radio cases at \$2045.20 from Zero9 Holsters. The addition of the accessory equipment brings the total cost to \$262,002.19.

With limited discussion on the item, Director McCrea moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-01, amending the 2023-2024 Crime Control and Prevention District's (CCPD) Budget in the amount of \$262,002.19 and authorizing the funding for the purchase of new police radios and accessory equipment from the Crime Control Prevention District Fund. Director Singleton seconded the motion. The vote follows:

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Ayes: Directors Wasson, Sheppard, Singleton, McCrea, and Bless
Vice President Mitcham

Nays: None

The motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE JERSEY VILLAGE CRIME CONTROL AND PREVENTION DISTRICT, AMENDING THE BUDGET OF SUCH DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2023, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2024, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$262,002.19; AND AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF NEW POLICE RADIOS AND ACCESSORY EQUIPMENT FROM THE CRIME CONTROL AND PREVENTION DISTRICT FUND.

E. Adjourn

With no other items to be addressed by the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.



Lorri Coody, Board Secretary