ACTION: Approve the utilization of a six-month National Association of State Procurement Officials (NASPO) ValuePoint cooperative contract with Verizon Wireless for the purchase of a wide variety of wireless devices and airtime services to include cellular phones, smart phones, tablets, laptops, and hotspot devices.

FISCAL IMPACT: Total cost of this contract shall not exceed $400,000 for the six-month extension. Sufficient funds have been appropriated in various City-wide cost centers for the anticipated expenditures during the current fiscal year in the General, Court Enhancement, Governmental Grants, Section 8 Housing, Highway User Revenue, Transit, Performing Arts, Solid Waste, and Water/Wastewater Funds. This contract is widely used throughout the City and is charged to approximately 60 different cost centers.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the utilization of the contract.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: (ADSPO13-034099) The NASPO ValuePoint Cooperative Purchasing Program is a cooperative program that facilitates public procurement solicitations and agreements using a lead state model, which meets the City’s highest standard for public cooperative contracting, achieving effective and efficient acquisition of quality products and services. The contract with Verizon Wireless is to purchase of a wide variety of wireless devices and airtime services to include cellular phones, smart phones, tablets, laptops, and hotspot devices.

The Procurement Division periodically reviews the City’s cellular phone account to look for ways to reduce costs and improve administrative efficiencies. During the last renewal, new accounts were established for the Fire and Police Departments to streamline efficiencies and provide enhanced services and features for Public Safety, at no additional cost. The shorter term of contract being requested (6 months) is due to NASPO ValuePoint finalizing the awards of new contracts.

ATTACHMENTS: N/A

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