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TO: HONORABLE COUNCIL MEMBERS


FROM: BETH MINOR, CITY CLERK

DATE: MAY 10, 2021 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 5-ACCEPTANCE OF STATE APPROPRIATION OF COPS FUNDS AND BUDGET AMENDMENT OF SPECIAL REVENUE FUND 248

In advance of the City Council’s consideration of Item 5 on the May 10, 2021, City Council Agenda titled “**Approval of the Acceptance and Appropriation of State of California Citizens Options for Public Safety (COPS) Funds and Approval of a Budget Amendment (Requires 2/3 Approval) in the Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund**”, staff wanted to provide some additional information for the last discussion item titled “**Communication Equipment**” for **\$20,000**. The recent changes implemented to ensure protection of personally identifiable information has altered the availability of the general public ability to monitor radio communications. The Department is planning to use these funds to explore the potential development of capabilities that would allow the relaying of real-time police calls while maintaining compliance with the current regulations. At minimum, this would potentially be allowed to authorized users, or at best, to the general public in a method acceptable to regulators.

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