

Meeting Date:

Agenda Item

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1-26-16

REQUESTED COMMISSION ACTION:

Consent

Ordinance

Resolution

Consideration/
Discussion

Presentation

SHORT TITLE

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE CITY'S SUPPORT FOR A
BROWARD COUNTY CHARTER AMENDMENT TO IMPLEMENT AN OFFICE OF
THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS AND A PUBLIC
SAFETY ADVISORY COUNSEL.

Summary of Purpose and Why:

The resolution also expresses the City's support in requesting the Broward County Charter review and/or the Broward County Board of County Commissioners to consider such a charter amendment and then work expeditiously to place the matter on the November 2016 ballot for Broward County voters.

- (1) Origin of request for this action: Mayor Lamar Fisher
- (2) Primary staff contact: Fire Chief John Jurgle
- (3) Expiration of contract, if applicable: NA
- (4) Fiscal impact and source of funding: NA

DEPARTMENTAL
COORDINATION

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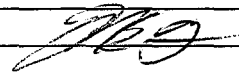
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RECOMMENDATION

DEPARTMENTAL HEAD SIGNATURE

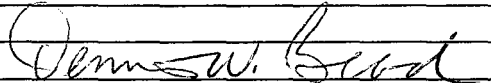
City Attorney

1-19-16

✓ Approve



City Manager



ACTION TAKEN BY COMMISSION:

Ordinance

Resolution

Consideration

Workshop

1st Reading

1st Reading

Results:

Results:

2nd Reading



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City Attorney's Communication #2016-392
January 15, 2016

TO: Dennis W. Beach, City Manager
FROM: Mark E. Berman, City Attorney
RE: Resolution in Support of a Broward County Charter Amendment to Implement an Office of the Director of Public Safety Communications and a Public Safety Communications Advisory Counsel

Attached please find the following Resolution addressing the above-referenced matter:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING THE CITY'S SUPPORT FOR A BROWARD COUNTY CHARTER AMENDMENT TO IMPLEMENT AN OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS AND A PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS ADVISORY COUNSEL; REQUESTING THE BROWARD COUNTY CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION AND/OR THE BROWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO CONSIDER SUCH A CHARTER AMENDMENT AND THEN WORK EXPEDITIOUSLY TO PLACE THE MATTER ON THE NOVEMBER 2016 BALLOT FOR BROWARD COUNTY VOTERS; PROVIDING FOR DISTRIBUTION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I may be of further assistance.



MARK E. BERMAN

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Attachment

CITY OF POMPANO BEACH
Broward County, Florida

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING THE CITY'S SUPPORT FOR A BROWARD COUNTY CHARTER AMENDMENT TO IMPLEMENT AN OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS AND A PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS ADVISORY COUNSEL; REQUESTING THE BROWARD COUNTY CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION AND/OR THE BROWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO CONSIDER SUCH A CHARTER AMENDMENT AND THEN WORK EXPEDITIOUSLY TO PLACE THE MATTER ON THE NOVEMBER 2016 BALLOT FOR BROWARD COUNTY VOTERS; PROVIDING FOR DISTRIBUTION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Pompano Beach City Commission unanimously passed and adopted Resolution No. 2013-32 on October 23, 2012, expressing the city's support for the adoption of a plan for cooperative countywide consolidation of E-911 communications and dispatch wholly funded through county ad valorem taxes. The City Commission reaffirmed said support on April 23, 2013, via Resolution No. 2013-214; and

WHEREAS, for the purpose of this resolution, Resolution No. 2013-32 and Resolution No. 2013-214 are incorporated herein as if fully restated; and

WHEREAS, the regional public safety communications system includes radio infrastructure including, but not limited to, towers and radios utilized by public safety professionals and hospitals, the consolidated E-911 system and other supportive platforms and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the complexity of the entire public safety communications system requires management expertise in operations of such systems and public safety, as well as technical expertise; and

WHEREAS, in 2002, the electorate of Broward County voted overwhelmingly to amend Section 5.03(A) of the Broward County Charter to provide for the establishment and County funding of a communications infrastructure for fire and emergency medical services, as follows:

The County Commission with cooperation from Municipalities shall establish a countywide communications infrastructure for fire and emergency medical services. The County shall provide funding for the communications infrastructure and all service providers will utilize the elements of the communications infrastructure. The communications infrastructure shall facilitate closest unit response for life-threatening emergencies and support for regional specialty teams; and

WHEREAS, the Broward County Board of County Commissioners formed the Broward County Consolidated Communications Committee (BCCCC) which had its first meeting on February 12, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the BCCCC has been meeting regularly to evaluate the performance of the consolidated E-911 system; and

WHEREAS, despite significant and important successes, the Broward County Chiefs of Police Association and the Fire Chiefs Association of Broward County have issued a Joint Statement regarding the consolidated E-911 communications system; and

WHEREAS, the respective Chiefs Associations represent the operational interests of thousands of public safety personnel who serve as first responders throughout Broward County; and

WHEREAS, the respective Chiefs Associations have been strongly supportive of the E-911 consolidation process and have served as integral subject matter experts throughout the

feasibility process, the design and implementation of the recommendations leading to the current E-911 communications system; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Statement states, in the pertinent part, as follows:

Currently, the Broward County Regional Communication system is organized such that ORCAT makes the ultimate decisions on operational matters and technology issues which impact operational performance. The Police & Fire Chiefs believe this is a flawed design which must be remedied because ORCAT lacks the operational expertise to make these decisions in a vacuum devoid of experience and expertise; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the significant analysis of the Police and Fire Chiefs Associations, the Joint Statement included the following recommendation:

The current structure at ORCAT, which is governed mainly by the County Administration, lacks the operational expertise and leadership to make recommendations and impose operational decisions. This has led to distrust in the merits of decisions made, slowed responsiveness to the direct users of the system and resulted in a lack of effective communications. This must change; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds it to be in the best interests of the residents of the city, as well as all of Broward County, to support changes to how the regional public safety communications system is currently managed; and

WHEREAS, Broward County needs an independent Office of the Director of Public Safety Communications who reports to the County Commission, not county administration. This office would absorb the functions currently being handled by the county administration. Such a Director should have the commensurate operational experience to oversee the complex and highly technical E-911 system, including the public safety radio system (from users to towers), the integrated document and reporting management systems, and the technological infrastructure necessary to have the most advanced and operationally sound E-911 system. The potential scope of authority and duties could include:

- Oversee performance metrics and overall operational performance of the Consolidated E-911 system and the supportive regional radio system(s);

- Review and analyze the emergency and public safety radio system performance;
- Coordinate and collaborate with municipalities to ensure maximum countywide involvement of all stakeholders;
- Provide recommendations to maintain and provide advancements in the area of Public Safety Communications; and

WHEREAS, as called for by the Police and Fire Chiefs Associations, there must be a permanent advisory council populated predominantly by public safety professionals and stakeholders. Such Public Safety Advisory Council would institutionalize professional oversight and engage directly all stakeholders to potentially include representatives from The Broward County Police Chiefs Association, the Broward County Fire Chiefs Association, the Broward County City-County Manager's Association, Broward Sheriff's Office, Trauma Management Agency, EMS Council, Fire Rescue Council, Business Community, County Administration, County Commission and Broward League of Cities; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. The foregoing "Whereas" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct.

SECTION 2. The Pompano Beach City Commission supports an amendment to the Broward County Charter to establish an Office of the Director of Public Safety Communications and a Public Safety Communications Advisory Council.

SECTION 3. The City Commission encourages the Broward County Charter Review Commission and/or the Broward County Board of County Commissioners to consider such a

Charter Amendment and then work expeditiously to place the matter on the November 2016 Ballot for voters of Broward County to consider.

SECTION 4. The City Clerk is directed to distribute this resolution to the Broward County Board of County Commissioners, the Broward County League of Cities, each of the municipalities in Broward County and the Broward County Charter Review Commission.

SECTION 5. This Resolution shall become effective upon passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2016.

LAMAR FISHER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ASCELETA HAMMOND, CITY CLERK

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