

ORDINANCE No. 176138

*Extend contracts with Verizon Wireless and Arch Paging for cellular telephone and paging services and provide for payment. (Ordinance; amend Contract Nos. 40120 and 30709).

The City of Portland Ordains:

Section 1: The Council Finds:

1. ComNet is working with other public agencies on a procurement process that will result in new contracts for wireless telephone and paging services with multiple vendors. This will increase the service options available to City Bureaus, insure new applications and technologies are available when needed, and provide pricing options in this volatile market. These contracts will not be available until 2002.
2. The current contract with Verizon Wireless (formerly AirTouch Cellular and GTE Mobilnet) expires December 31, 2001. The contract was executed in December, 1994 for a five year term and extended for two additional one year terms. The current contract with Arch Paging was awarded in June, 1996, and also expires December 31, 2001.
3. The City requires continuity of its cellular telephone and paging services to support its public safety, public service, and administrative functions. There is a large and complex number of paging groups associated with 911 dispatch and law enforcement that must not be interrupted.
4. The rates in the current contracts are cost effective and competitive; contract rates have been consistently updated to take advantage of new price plans and cost reductions.
5. Substitution of other carriers' services would require City Bureaus to purchase new cellular telephone equipment, exchange pagers, and change pager numbers, at a significant cost to the City.
6. Funds for cellular telephone and paging services have been budgeted and approved in various center codes.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council directs:

- a. The Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to extend Contract No. 40120 with Verizon Wireless and Contract No. 30709 with Arch Paging for one additional year.
- b. The Mayor and Auditor are authorized to draw and deliver warrants chargeable to the appropriate budget when demand is presented and approved by the proper authorities.

Section 2. The Council declares that an emergency exists because it is necessary to insure continuity of cellular telephone and paging services to the City's Bureaus; therefore, this Ordinance shall be in force and effect from and after its passage by Council.

Passed by the Council, DEC 19 2001

Mayor Vera Katz
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December 3, 2001

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Deputy

BACKING SHEET INFORMATION

AGENDA NO. 1443-2001

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION/COUNCIL DOCUMENT NO. 176138

COMMISSIONERS VOTED AS FOLLOWS:		
	YEAS	NAYS
FRANCESCONI	X	
HALES	X	
SALTZMAN	X	
STEN	X	
KATZ	X	