

# FAQs for Appropriation of Funds for First Amendment to the City's Sprint Contract

## **Q: What are we asking Council to do?**

A: Approve an ordinance authorizing a first amendment to the Sprint Contract for next generation wireless devices and services. Moving from 3G to 4G technologies for faster speeds. **No additional funding is required.**

## **Q: Why are we doing this?**

A: The requested amendment will provide the City with reduced pricing for equipment, data access for machine to machine connections (parking meters is an example) and per seat licenses as they relate to call forwarding via **Private Branch eXchange (PBX) Integration.**

## **Q: How does this benefit the City of Houston?**

A: The requested amendment to the contract will allow the City to add a 24 month device term in addition to the existing 12 month device term, with related pricing models. There will be no early termination penalties. For example, a user could upgrade their device to the 24 month term pricing in month 35 of the contract. Subsequently, the City could choose **not to extend** the contract with Sprint, the device could be deactivated at that time without penalty or cost. Additionally, the new 24 month term will allow the City to take advantage of lower equipment pricing. This benefit is already included on the State of Texas and HGAC (Houston-Galveston Area Consortium) contracts through Sprint.

Moreover, there will be reduced data access pricing for machine to machine type wireless connections i.e. parking meter rates. Finally, integration between the City's legacy PBX(s) or Voice over IP systems directly with Sprint's voice network, which will allow employees to forward their desk phones to their mobile device. This would be of benefit in an emergency/disaster situation, and for "work from anywhere employees". We could potentially have one phone number and one voicemail system for a number of our employees.

## **Q: What services/ goods can be purchased?**

A: This is a contract amendment to reduce the price of wireless goods and services that we are already purchasing.