



# CITY OF ARANSAS PASS

## AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading Item for the City Council Meeting of [5/21/2018]  
Second Reading Item for the City Council Meeting of [N/A]

Date: Thursday, May 17, 2018  
To: Gary Edwards, City Manager  
From: Chief Eric Blanchard  
chief@ap-police.com

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Title: Agreement and purchase from TangoTango for remote radio services.

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### **CAPTION:**

Consider and act on approving the police chief to enter into a purchasing agreement with TangoTango and purchase 5 years of services for an amount not to exceed \$37,000.00 and two additional radios from Daily Wells for an amount not to exceed \$13,000.00 both to be drawn from the federal drug seizure fund account.

### **PURPOSE:**

This purchase will allow the PD & emergency operations division to communicate over cellular services and make way for private, encrypted communications as needed for policing services.

### **BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:**

The police department and emergency operation services division need another way of sustaining communication with outside support entities from time to time, as in the case of Hurricane Harvey. Additionally, when officers travel out of town or out of State they sometimes require the need to monitor radio traffic and communicate back. TangoTango offers this service.

TangoTango will integrate two of our police radios with their service. This will route radio traffic from these radios to those authorized over the cellular network through a mobile app. Additionally, the police department will be able to create private encrypted

chat groups within the app service. All communication is managed server side inside the PD.

It has been difficult to find comparable solutions available to the PD. Motorola offers a similar solution but at a cost of \$100K. Additionally, when we evaluated their solution, Victoria County SO did share some complaints, and our current radio vendor cannot provide a stand-alone solution.

I performed a background check of TangoTango and received nothing but favorable reviews from other public safety entities. It appears Tango Tango will suite our needs well.

The two additional radios are needed to interphase connectivity over the mobile TangoTango app.

**CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:**

Within policy and state/federal law, council approval of this expenditure, which requires a service agreement, is required.

**EMERGENCY/NON-EMERGENCY:**

Necessary, but not an emergency.

**DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:**

**Police Department** – Managing department over funding source.

**Finance Department** – Actual department to transfer funds.

**City Management** – Oversight of request/expense activities.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

Aransas Pass PD Federal Equitable Sharing and Forfeiture Account

Current Fund Balance \$1,099,176.72

TangoTango Costs: \$36,480.00

Daily Wells Costs: \$12,854.96

This Project Proposed Cost \$49,334.96.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approving this item.

**LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

TangoTango Quote

Email

Sole Source Letter (Relates to some of the technologies offered in project.)  
Dailey Wells Quote  
Motorola Quote