



Measure #: 2025-029

TOWN COUNCIL MEASURE SUBMITTAL

Date: 12/27/2024

Submitted By: Town Manager

Telephone #: 508-699-0100

MEASURE DESCRIPTION:

Authorization to finance Dispatch Console Replacement project with free cash re-purposed from Emergency Operations Center Upgrade project and Capital Improvement Program Stabilization funds.

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PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION:

During the FY 2025 budget process, the Town Council approved the Dispatch Console Replacement project, an effort aimed at replacing the furniture and associated hardware for the dispatcher console located at the police facility. Both Chiefs of NAPD and NAFD cite this as a critical need as current obsolete console is failing, and the manufacturer no longer produces parts or components. If the current console were to fail, dispatchers would need to resort to using inefficient portable radios, and NAFD would lose emergency buttons and automatic station alerting that would result in a slower emergency response. The fund source for this project remained unspecified.

Total amount needed to complete the Dispatch Console Replacement project is \$498,634.00.

On November 7, 2023, the Town Council unanimously approved measure 2023-015, Approval of the General Government Capital Improvement Plan Projects - FY2023 Free Cash. This measure included the project, Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Upgrade, for \$250,000.00. The ongoing Police Facility HVAC Replacement Project initially delayed this project, and changes in technology and methods of staff collaboration have rendered the planned EOC upgrades obsolete and unnecessary. The Town Manager contends that it is in the best interest of the Town to transfer this funding to the Dispatch Control Replacement Project.

To complete funding for the Dispatch Control Replacement project, the Town Manager requests a transfer of \$248,634.00 from Capital Improvement Program Stabilization funds.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

ATTACHMENTS: Dispatch Console Replacement Slide, Dispatch Console Narrative, Measure 23-15

REFER TO SUB-COMMITTEE: Finance

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