



Request for City Council Committee Action

Date: May 16th, 2002

To: PS & RS Committee
Referral to Ways & Means Committee

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Approved by – _____
Chief Robert K. Olson

Subject: Request For Proposal (RFP) Approval-Nextel Phones/Airtime

Presenters in Committee –

Recommendation: Authorize Release of RFP for Nextel Phones and Airtime for the City of Minneapolis- *pending approval by PRC June 6th.*

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

- No financial impact (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)
- Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget
- Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget
- Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase
- Action requires use of contingency or reserves
- Other financial impact (Explain): Funds to come from existing budget by replacing existing equipment and airtime at more cost effective rates.
- Request provided to the Budget Office when provided to the Committee Coordinator

Background/Supporting Information : The City of Minneapolis currently has approximately 600 Nextel Cell phones in use by city employees in various departments. The City of Minneapolis is interested in acquiring approximately 300 additional Nextel phones and airtime to replace existing non-Nextel cell phones currently in use by other city employees. The City of Minneapolis is also interested in moving existing Nextel phones into terms of a more advantageous and cost effective contract. The City of Minneapolis is interested in releasing an RFP in order to initiate a new contract to provide Nextel phones and airtime to the city. The City of Minneapolis (City) has identified Nextel cellular phones as a unique and valuable communications tool. The radio feature of the Nextel phones provides an additional communications dimension that is not available from any other type of cellular phone.

