# ORDINANCE NO.

151-07

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[Settlement of Claim Against Sprint/Nextel]

FILE NO. 070700

Ordinance authorizing settlement of a claim by the City and County of San Francisco against the Sprint/Nextel Corporation for funding the planning for reconfiguration of the City's 800 MHz Radio Communications System.

Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

Section 1. The City Attorney and the Director of the Department of Telecommunications and Information Services are hereby authorized to settle the claim of the City against Sprint/Nextel Corporation (Sprint) for financial reimbursement for the planning stage of the relocation to a different frequency (also called "reconfiguration") of the City's Radio Communications System pursuant to the Report and Order of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), WT Docket No. FCC 02-55 (Reconfiguration Proceeding), according to the terms set forth in the Planning Funding Agreement, dated April 26, 2007, which is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 070700 and declared to be a part of this ordinance as if fully set forth herein.

Section 2. Background to the Settlement.

(a) The City operates and maintains a 800 MHz radio communications system that provides radio communications for over 60 City departments, including radio systems of the police and emergency services. The 800 MHz system is the City's primary emergency communications system and consists of over 8723 portable radios, and 30 bi-directional amplifiers. Over the last ten years, public safety radio systems throughout the United States, like the one operated by the City, suffered disruptions because the FCC assigned several radio frequencies in the 800 MHz band to Sprint for its commercial radio network.

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(b) In 2004 the FCC issued an order requiring certain users, including the City, to relocate to other radio frequencies.

(c) The FCC Order required Sprint to pay the costs of the reconfiguration itself as well as the costs of creating an effective plan for the reconfiguration that would not impact the reliability of the City's vital services. The FCC appointed a Transitional Administrator (TA) to oversee the reconfiguration and the TA, in turn, appointed a mediator to attempt a resolution of the City's claims against Sprint.

(d) The City submitted a proposal to Sprint in February, 2006, to fund the costs for the planning stage of the reconfiguration. Sprint responded with a counter offer and the matter went to mediation. The parties reached settlement in January, 2007. The TA has already approved the settlement.

(e) The City will be paid in two stages. Approximately 50% of the monies due to the City for the work of City departments will be paid within 15 days of final approval of the settlement. The remainder will be paid upon reconciliation of actual costs at the close of the reconfiguration planning.

Section 3. The terms of the settlement are set forth in the Planning Funding Agreement. The key provisions are as follows:

(a) The settlement is worth \$873,744 to the City.

(b) The settlement sum is broken down between monies that will be paid to the City directly and monies that will go to vendors selected by the City to perform technical work that cannot be done by the City. City departments will receive just less than 50% of the total and three City vendors will receive portions of the remainder.

(c) The settlement will cover the following costs for the planning stage of the reconfiguration: Frequency Analysis, \$10,785.12; System Inventory, \$113,095.14;

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Engineering and Implementation Planning, \$334,858.17; Project Management, \$290,074.28; Legal \$115,056.00 and \$9,875.64 in other costs.

Section 4. Funds received by the City from this settlement shall be appropriated in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth herein. The \$873,744 shall be appropriated to Department of Telecommunications and Information Services to cover the costs incurred by the department for planning the reconfiguration of the City's Radio Communications System.

# APPROVED AS TO FORM AND RECOMMENDED:

DENNIS J. HERRERA City Attorney

Theresa L. Mueller Deputy City Attorney **RECOMMENDED:** 

**CHRIS VEIN** Director /

Department of Telecommunications and Information Services

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 June 19, 2007 Board of Supervisors — PASSED, ON FIRST READING Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Jew, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Mirkarimi, Peskin, Sandoval
June 26, 2007 Board of Supervisors — FINALLY PASSED

Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Jew, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Mirkarimi, Peskin, Sandoval

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was FINALLY PASSED on June 26, 2007 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

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Mayor Gavin Newsom

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Date Approved

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