Agenda Item No.: **39.**

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: AUGUST 15, 2007

DEPARTMENT: HUMAN RESOURCES
DIRECTOR: Claudette Enus

☒ **Consent** ☐ **Discussion**

SUBJECT:
Approval of creation of four regular full-time Communication Specialist positions for the Las Vegas Fire and Rescue Department ($74,525.15 salary/$29,810.06 benefits Fire Communications Internal Service Fund)

Fiscal Impact

☐ **No Impact** ☐ **Augmentation Required**

☐ **Budget Funds Available**

Amount: $104,335.21
Funding Source: Fire Communications Internal Service Fund
Dept./Division: Las Vegas Fire and Rescue

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:
The goal of the combined Communications Center (Fire Alarm Office) is to process emergency (critical) 9-1-1 calls from the public within 60 seconds and manage a large volume of radio traffic from first responders 24 hours a day, 365 days per year. The number of 9-1-1 calls the center takes has continuously increased over the years (327,369 9-1-1 calls in calendar year 2006). The current staffing level allows for a maximum of 2 operators on duty to take calls. Additional staff would provide enough call takers to be on duty to allow the Senior Operator and EMS operator (currently taking overflow calls) to perform their own duties. These four positions have been approved by the Fire Alarm Office Board of Directors at their November 29, 2006 meeting. The City of Las Vegas General Fund will cover 40% of the cost while 60% of the cost will be covered by other governmental entities within Clark County. The Las Vegas Fire and Rescue Department will absorb their share of these costs within their fiscal year 2008 operating budget.

RECOMMENDATION:
Approve the creation of four regular full time Communication Specialist positions for the Las Vegas Fire and Rescue Department.

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:
1. Fire Alarm Office Board of Directors meeting minutes November 29, 2006
2. Inter Local Agreement for Fire Alarm Related Services

Motion made by GARY REESE to Approve Items 10-35 and 37-49 (correct consent agenda items)

Passed For: 6; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 1; Excused: 0
RICKI Y. BARLOW, LOIS TARKANIAN, LARRY BROWN, OSCAR B. GOODMAN, GARY REESE, STEVE WOLFSON; (Against-None); (Abstain-None); (Did Not Vote-STEVEN D. ROSS); (Excused-None)