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ORDINANCE NO. 030430

Approving nonexclusive agreements with Cingular Wireless, Verizon Wireless, and Nextel Communications to provide wireless voice and data communications services to the City under multiple service plans for a period of one year, which may be extended by the Director of Information Technology for three additional one year periods.

WHEREAS, seven providers responded to the City's solicitation for proposals for wireless voice and data communications services; and

WHEREAS, an inter-department group reviewed the proposals and concluded that primary service from Cingular Wireless provides benefits to the City which include no major equipment changes, no disruption to business by changing wireless telephone numbers, and an 8% reduction in current costs; and

WHEREAS, the review group concluded that a secondary provider was important because of areas of the City with service outages; and

WHEREAS, Verizon Wireless provides data communications services and can easily serve as a backup to Cingular in voice services; and

WHEREAS, Nextel Communications can provide group communications to groups such as outside contractors and City field personnel, and such Nextel-to-Nextel services are more cost effective than other plans; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that the total monthly cost for all three services is less than \$40,000.00; and

WHEREAS, such telephone services are considered public utility services; and

WHEREAS, City Charter Section 82 provides that for public utility services the contract need only "bear the certification of the director of finance that there is a balance, otherwise unencumbered, to the credit of the appropriation to which the same is to be charged, and a cash balance equal to an average month's bill, otherwise unencumbered, in the treasury to the credit of the fund from which payment is to be made"; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

Section 1. That the Director of Information Technology is authorized to enter into agreements with Cingular Wireless, Verizon Wireless, and Nextel Communications, in forms substantially similar to those attached to this ordinance as Exhibits 1, 2 and 3 for a term of one

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year for voice and data wireless communications services.

Section 2. That the Director of Information Technology is authorized to renew one, two or all of these agreements for up to three additional one year terms.

I hereby certify that there is a balance, otherwise unencumbered, to the credit of the appropriation to which the obligation of the public utility services provided by this ordinance are to be charged, and a cash balance equal to an average month's bill for all the covered services, otherwise unencumbered, in the treasury to the credit of the fund from which payment is to be made.

Director of Finance

Approved as to form and legality:

Assistant City Attorney