



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
CONFERENCE MEETING

#15-0047

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: January 21, 2015

TITLE: Emergency Purchase of Information Technology Security Services,
Hardware, and Software - \$430,293

Background

Pursuant to Section 2-190(b)(1), Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, emergency purchases are permitted in the event of equipment failure, catastrophic damage to city property, or other similar unexpected event. In such event(s), all normal purchasing procedures and requirements directly related to such emergency are suspended. With the approval of the City Manager or purchasing manager, if so designated by the City Manager, the head of any department may purchase any required emergency supplies, materials, equipment or services

The purpose of this memorandum is to report to the City Commission on the emergency purchase of information technology security consulting services, hardware, and software. In order to protect the City's information systems from cyber security attacks like those faced over the past several weeks and continuing, the Information Technology Services (ITS) Department acquired the services of a specialized security consulting service firm.

Purchases included computer hardware to strengthen the computer infrastructure at a cost of \$17,907; professional services for specialized security consulting and oversight services at a cost of \$366,989; and software licenses to manage and control computer activities at a cost of \$45,398.

These successful efforts to preserve the integrity of the City's information systems will need to be combined with a different approach to staffing the Security Division of ITS. The Department has actively recruited since 2013 for a Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) to manage the technology security needs of the City. This recruitment has been challenging because of the high demand for this type of expertise in both the public and private sectors. Chief Technology Officer, Mike Maier, will continue to manage security activities and will have direct oversight of three new regular employees dedicated to security analysis and monitoring.

Resource Impact

There was a fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$430,293.

<i>Funds available as of January 9, 2015</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	OBJECT CODE/ SUB- OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Object Code)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Object Code)	PURCHASE AMOUNT
581-ITS100101-6405	Information Technology Security	Capital Outlay/Computer Software	\$190,000	\$190,000	\$190,000
581-ITS030101-5607	ITS Administration	Non-operating Expenses/Contingencies	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$240,293
PURCHASE TOTAL →					\$430,293

Strategic Connections

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included within the Internal Support Cylinder of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- Goal 11: Be a well-trained, innovative, and neighbor-centric workforce that builds community.
- Objective 4: Provide a reliable and progressive technology infrastructure.

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale Vision Plan 2035: We are United*.

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