



## CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

**FROM:** The Office of the City Manager    **DATE:** October 12, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Approve Fiscal Year 2020-2021 purchases for audio visual hardware, including video conferencing equipment and professional services, from Designs That Compute dba Visionality, in a cumulative amount not to exceed \$103,158.72 utilizing The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS) Cooperative Contract No. 171001.

**PRESENTER:** Bob Weakley, Assistant Director of Information Technology

### **SUMMARY:**

Staff requests City Council to consider approving purchases for audio visual hardware, including video conferencing equipment and professional services, from Designs That Compute dba Visionality in a cumulative amount not to exceed \$103,158.72 utilizing The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS) Cooperative Contract No. 171001.

### **GENERAL DESCRIPTION:**

Tarrant County has approved \$76,565.15 in CARES Act funding to upgrade video conferencing equipment in four emergency management designated conference rooms. An additional \$18,593.57 from Public Educational or Governmental (PEG) Funds was allocated to upgrade audio visual in the council chambers. During the COVID-19 pandemic, video conferencing has become vital to the city's operations. Emergency Operations Center meetings and public meetings have been held virtually since March 2020. The existing audio visual equipment in these rooms is not fully equipped to support all of the functionality of a video conference platform. The upgrades will allow City Council, boards and commissions, public safety officials, city staff and the public to continue using and participating in video conferences without the current limitations.

Additionally, staff is requesting the remaining \$8,000, allocated in the fiscal year 2020-2021 adopted budget, to cover expenses related to maintenance of existing audio visual infrastructure and hardware purchases as needed during this fiscal year.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

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