

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-73

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) SEEKING QUALIFIED TECHNOLOGY FIRMS TO ASSIST WITH THE UPGRADE OF THE CITY'S VMWARE VIRTUAL INFRASTRUCTURE TO A HYPERCONVERGED INFRASTRUCTURE AND ALLOCATING UP TO \$210,000 FROM IT RESERVES FOR THE UPGRADE OF THE CITY'S VMWARE VIRTUAL INFRASTRUCTURE

WHEREAS, the current City VMware virtual environment was developed several years ago to replace obsolete physical servers and create a cost and energy efficient, scalable infrastructure in which to run critical City systems; and

WHEREAS, the City has an Information Technology Strategic Plan which calls for the replacement of obsolete equipment in a timely fashion to ensure continuity of critical City systems; and

WHEREAS, with the vast changes in the City's IT Support Infrastructure, Service Management Processes and Procedures, the existing virtual infrastructure is no longer adequate to support the Information Technology goals and objectives of the City; and

WHEREAS, upgrading the virtual infrastructure to an HCI design is necessary and will provide additional flexibility, resilience, enhanced security and future expandability of the City's and Police Department network infrastructure to ensure business continuity; and

WHEREAS, with the release of a Request for Proposals, the City is seeking a firm that will have proven experience and knowledge to assist with the upgrade of the City's VMware virtual infrastructure to a Hyperconverged Infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the City has retained the services of ClientFirst Consulting Group, LLC to assist with the writing of the RFP and in the selection of the successful vendor; and

WHEREAS, the proposals submitted in compliance with the conditions specified in the RFP will be reviewed by ClientFirst and the City's technical team, interviews will be conducted and a recommendation to the City Manager for the most competitive firm will be made and forwarded to the City Council for action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Albany City Council does hereby:

- 1. Authorize the release of a Request for Proposals (RFP) seeking qualified technology firms to assist with the upgrade of the City's VMware virtual infrastructure to a Hyperconverged Infrastructure.
- 2. Allocate up to \$210,000 from IT Reserves to the upgrade of the City's VMware virtual infrastructure

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