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To: Mayor and City Council Members
Steve Parker, City Manager

From: Shane McDaniel, Chief Information Officer

Subject: Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a purchase order in the amount of \$72,393.90 to upgrade city firewalls

Date: October 27, 2023

Staff is requesting authorization to take action on a FY23-24 capital improvement project to upgrade/refresh two enterprise firewalls. The current firewalls were implemented in 2018, industry standards recommend firewalls be upgraded every 3 - 4 years. Through the rapid growth of the city over the last 5 years, the legacy firewalls are at max processing capacity and have become a risk and liability for short term technology expansion. As the city has grown adding more employees, more technology, using more software alongside the constant and evolving cyber risk, the upgraded firewalls will meet existing and future city technology expansion over the coming years.

The quote is through reseller CDWG, the city's firewall vendor partner, using the Texas Department of Information Resources DIR-TSO-4315 procurement contract. Staff recommends approval and is available to answer any questions at your convenience.