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

From: Shane McDaniel, Director of IT

Subject: Resolution authorizing a cybersecurity incident response mutual aid interlocal agreement

Date: December 1, 2020

Staff is requesting authorization to execute a cyber incident response mutual aid interlocal agreement between the City of Seguin, the City of New Braunfels, the City of San Marcos, and Texas State University. The ILA formalizes the interagency support that local governments informally provided to one another in years past. It is expected in the future other regional agencies will sign onto the program through interlocal agreements to assist in enhancing the regions ability to protect and remediate local government technology data, processes, and assets with cyber-attack response resources.

The current state of cybersecurity is the most challenging aspect of working in the technology career field today. In calendar year 2020 alone there have been over five million intrusion attempts on the City of Seguin's private technology environment. There were 966 identified public sector ransomware cyber-attacks with a total impact in excess of \$7.5 billion in 2019. The intent of this ILA is to prearrange and expedite cyber incident response assistance for local government technology professionals in the event of a successful cyber-attack on a participating agency. By having an agreement in place, cyber incident response time will be expedited for the agency in need. Response time is critical to assess, mitigate, and return an organizations technology environment to a fully operational state. The City of Seguin will be a founding member of the regions mutual aid arrangement, only the second of its kind in the state of Texas.

Staff recommends approval and is available to answer any questions at your convenience.