



Takoma Park City Council Meeting – October 26, 2016 Agenda Item 5

Voting Session

Single Reading Ordinance Authorizing the Purchase and Installation of a Wireless Microphone System for the Auditorium

Recommended Council Action

Approve the ordinance.

Context with Key Issues

The existing microphone system in the auditorium has reached the end of its useful life, as evidenced by the frequent malfunctions experienced during meetings and performances held in the auditorium. The system was scheduled to be replaced using \$75,000 in Cable Grant funds last fiscal year, but the project had to be carried forward to Fiscal Year 2017 as City TV staff experimented with various replacement options. Staff solicited and received quotes from three vendors: VSGi, Corbett Technology Solutions Inc., and Avitecture. All three companies have experience installing the selected wireless microphone system, Sennheiser, and all three companies were recommended by the Sennheiser representative. All quotes included the same equipment and labor.

Avitecture presented the lowest quote in the amount of \$57,140.25 for the equipment and installation. We expect to incur some additional expenses for audio engineering support and miscellaneous small equipment, which is why the total amount requested is \$65,000.

Council Priority

Engaged, Responsive & Service-Oriented Government

Environmental Impact of Action

N/A

Fiscal Impact of Action

\$65,000 would be spent from the \$75,000 in Cable Grant funds carried forward into the Capital Improvement Program budget for Fiscal Year 2017 for the purchase and installation of a wireless microphone system, and associated audio engineering and small equipment. This project was reviewed and approved by Technology Steering Committee.

Attachments and Links

- Draft Single Reading Ordinance

Introduced by:

Single Reading Ordinance

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND
ORDINANCE NO. 2016-**

**AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT
FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF A WIRELESS MICROPHONE SYSTEM
FOR THE COMMUNITY CENTER AUDITORIUM**

WHEREAS, the existing microphone system in the Community Center Auditorium has reached the end of its useful life and needs to be replaced; and

WHEREAS, funds from the Fiscal Year 2016 budget in the amount of \$75,000 were carried forward for the purpose of replacing the existing microphone system during Fiscal Year 2017; and,

WHEREAS, the TV Production Manager recommends replacing the existing microphone system with a Sennheiser wireless microphone system; and

WHEREAS, three quotes were solicited for the same equipment and labor and Avitecture presented the lowest quote in the amount of \$57,140.25; and

WHEREAS, staff expects to incur some additional expenses for audio engineering support and miscellaneous small equipment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND THAT:

SECTION 1. The City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Avitecture for the purchase of a wireless microphone system for the Community Center Auditorium.

SECTION 2. The quote submitted by Avitecture in the amount of \$57,140.25 is accepted, and additional funds up to a total of \$65,000 from the Cable Grant is approved to be spent on audio engineering and miscellaneous small equipment associated with the new microphone system.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2016 by roll-call vote as follows:

AYE:

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: