

Introduced by: Councilmember Seamens

First Reading: April 11, 2011

Second Reading: April 25, 2011

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND
ORDINANCE NO. 2011-13**

AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR AUDIO-VISUAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, the City contracted with Contract Video Specialists for the design, equipment purchase, and installation of audio-visual equipment for the Takoma Park auditorium and related projects for Takoma Park City TV, the City's cable channel; and,

WHEREAS, several elements of the overall planned improvements are yet to be done, including a) installation of the lobby digital display and its integration into existing cable television and related computer system, and b) City TV system upgrades, including an upgraded server for the Tightrope system, shared network storage, and playout system digital conversion; and

WHEREAS, Councilmembers have requested a reduction of light glare in their eyes while sitting on the dais; and, in order to accomplish this while maintaining a level of lighting that is appropriate for televising meetings and events, changes in the lighting equipment and placement is required; and

WHEREAS, Councilmembers have requested that dais microphones be changed so that they are off until turned on by Councilmembers; and

WHEREAS, Contract Video Specialists has unique knowledge of the systems and equipment, much of which is still under warranty from its recent installation; and

WHEREAS, work done by other vendors at this time could jeopardize the warranty of the recently-installed equipment; and

WHEREAS, Contract Video Specialists is the regional source for the Tightrope equipment; and

WHEREAS, pricing for the lighting and microphone upgrades does not include costs for becoming familiar with the auditorium's audio-visual systems, as they would for an alternative vendor; and

WHEREAS, it is more cost-efficient for the City of Takoma Park to have all of the audio-visual upgrades done at the same time; and

WHEREAS, for these reasons, the City Manager believes that a contract for the audio-visual work described above would qualify as sole source procurement, and the City Council concurs with this determination; and

WHEREAS, funding for the audio-visual work is not included in the budget, but funds are available in the cable equipment fund for this use.

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

SECTION 1. The City Manager is authorized to enter into a contact with Contract Video Specialists, Inc. for audio-visual services including installation of a lobby digital display, Tightrope server and shared network storage system; digital conversion of the City TV layout system; and modification of the lighting and microphone systems, for a cost not to exceed \$110,000.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

Adopted this 25th day of April, 2011 by roll-call vote as follows:

AYE: Williams, Wright, Clay, Robinson, Schultz, Seamens, Snipper

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None