

Introduced by: Councilmember Smith

Adopted: March 18, 2014  
Single Reading

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND  
ORDINANCE NO. 2014-14**

**AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR UPGRADING CITY TV EQUIPMENT TO  
HIGH DEFINITION AND RELATED IMPROVEMENTS**

- WHEREAS, equipment related to the City's cable television channel was last updated in 2010 when the Auditorium was renovated; and
- WHEREAS, video recording technology is moving to High Definition (HD), coinciding with changes in the visual quality of viewing via televisions, computers, tablets, and smartphones; and
- WHEREAS, video recording is now an intrinsic part of documenting and sharing community activities and is expected to occur at any location and, often, broadcast live; and
- WHEREAS, funds are available in the Cable Grant account to pay for upgrading equipment to HD technology, to allow for live broadcast from any location, and to make general equipment improvements; and
- WHEREAS, Contract Video Specialists installed and maintains the City's equipment and is the regional source for the Tigtrope equipment that is a key part of the City's technology; and
- WHEREAS, for these reasons, the City Manager believes that a contract for the equipment upgrade qualifies as a sole source procurement, and the City Council concurs with this determination.

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 contract with Contract Video Specialists, Inc. for City TV equipment upgrade to High Definition and related improvements for a cost not to exceed \$100,000.
- SECTION 2. This ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

Adopted this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2014 by roll-call vote as follows:

AYE: Williams, Grimes, Male, Seamens, Smith, Schultz  
NAY: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

*(Ward 3 Councilmember Kay Daniels-Cohen passed away on February 20, 2014 leaving a vacancy on the Council)*