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**DEPARTMENT:** City Secretary's Office  
**FROM:** Amanda Campos, City Secretary  
**MEETING:** January 22, 2024

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**SUBJECT:**

Consider approval of a contract with Hart Intercivic for the purchase of election equipment in an amount not to exceed \$71,000. (*Staff Presenter: Amanda Campos, City Secretary*)

**SUMMARY:**

The city council discussed the upcoming May 4, 2024 General Election at the January 8, 2024 council meeting considering several items, one of those items was election equipment. There is a need to purchase new election equipment to be used in all elections. The city currently uses ES&S M-100 optical scan machines purchased in 2007.

Recent legislative changes have modified requirements of all voting equipment and the current M-100 machines will be not be in compliance at the end of this year. These changes have enhanced functions and made sure election equipment is staying current with technology. Pursuant to Section 123.035 of the Texas Election Code, before an entity purchases new voting equipment, the entity must confirm the system is certified by the Texas Secretary of State (TXSOS) and adopted by the city council. Approval has been granted by the TXSOS and if this contract is approved will be adopted by Resolution at the February 5, 2024 council meeting.

The City Secretary Office staff tested two vendors equipment, ES&S and Hart Intercivic to determine the best fit for the city of Burleson. While both company's equipment functioned similarly Hart's had a slight advantage with a lower ballot box that complies with ADA requirements, the added feature that will be required in 2 years of adding a unique number assigned to all cast ballots, an election worker friend portable cart for curbside voting, and these are the exact machines used by Tarrant County so they will be familiar to our Tarrant County voters. At this time Johnson County does not use any of the equipment we viewed because they do not use optical scan machines. Neither ES&S or Hart Intercivic will rent election equipment for any election to any entity leaving purchasing as the only option.

The Hart equipment proposed for purchase is the Vertiy Scan 2.7, which will continue to use a paper ballot for the official records and audit.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval.

**PRIOR ACTION/INPUT (Council, Boards, Citizens):**

None

**REFERENCE:**

None

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Election expenses were approved in the FY2023-2024 annual budget and this falls within the budgeted amount. 1011102-66040

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