



## **Agenda Item Report**

**Meeting Type:** Utilities Commission

**Meeting Date:** January 23, 2025

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**Item Title:** Approval of Rhyme Managed IT Contract for Columbus Utilities

**Submitted By:** Jacob R. Holbert, Utilities Director

**Detailed Description of Subject Matter:**

Requesting approval of the Managed IT contract with Rhyme that will mirror the contract already in place with the City of Columbus. Rhyme will work with WPPI on what systems will be maintained and managed under the Rhyme Contract, as well as what will remain with WPPI. Any WPPI programs or software that needs modification to meet compliance with Rhyme systems will take place during the transition.

This will allow Utilities to access the Cloud based shared folders and drives that the city currently utilizes as well as transitioning all Utilities Computers/Clients over to Microsoft Office 365 and full integration with Microsoft Teams. The estimated contracted cost per month for the Utility will be no greater than \$2,700.00/month based on 15 clients and the two firewalls proposed.

**List all Supporting Documentation Attached:**

1. Rhyme Managed IT Ballpark Estimate.

**Action Requested of Council:**

Review, Discussion, and Approval of the Rhyme Managed IT Contract.