



## Agenda Item Report

**Meeting Type: Committee of the Whole & Common Council**

**Meeting Date: February 17, 2026**

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**Item Title:** Discussion and consideration of a Resolution authorizing participation in preparation of an intergovernmental agreement between the City of Columbus, the City of Verona, the Village of Cross Plains, the Village of DeForest, the Village of McFarland, and the Village of Waunakee pursuant to Wis. Stat. §66.0301 for information technology support.

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### **Detailed Description of Subject Matter:**

Enclosed in the packet is a resolution to create an "IT Consortium" composed of several area municipalities to share information technology services. The intent of the resolution is to bring the group together to develop the structure of this consortium and identify opportunities to pool resources in order to improve service delivery in a more cost-efficient manner (Section 3).

The City Administrator will facilitate this process for the City (Section 2) and work with participating municipalities to develop the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) (Section 4). The IGA would require Council approval and would establish the governing framework for the consortium. The City retains the right to withdraw from this process at any time, and participation does not commit the City to signing the IGA or any future service agreements that may be developed.

The goal is to finalize the IGA by the end of 2027, with consortium operations beginning in 2028. The City currently contracts for IT services, and this collaborative effort could replace our individualized approach. The City's current contract with Rhyme expires in 2027.

### **List all Supporting Documentation Attached:**

Resolution 4-26

### **Action Requested of Council:**

Consider and take action on Resolution

### **Strategic Plan Objective(s):**

**Objective 6:** Leverage technology solutions to enhance efficiencies in service delivery to streamline processes, reduce costs, and improve the quality of services

**Objective 11:** Strengthen partnerships & relationships