RESOLUTION 4-26

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE 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

WHEREAS, staff from 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 (hereinafter "Parties"), have engaged in discussions related to the creation of an Information Technology ("IT") Consortium, and

WHEREAS, municipalities have recently experienced IT challenges including increasing costs, diminishing levels of service and a limited availability of service providers to serve smaller communities; and

WHEREAS, efficient, secure, and coordinated IT services have become increasingly important in providing effective local government operations; and

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to jointly evaluate and create a multi-jurisdictional consortium to provide shared IT services; and

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus City Council finds that implementation of a shared IT Consortium represents a reasonable approach to addressing the foregoing issues, and desires to pursue the potential creation of such a consortium through the preparation of a proposed Intergovernmental agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council of Columbus, Wisconsin hereby resolves as follows:

1. The City of Columbus staff are hereby authorized to participate in the preparation of a draft intergovernmental agreement ("IGA") under Wis. Stat. §66.0301 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 for the collaborative acquisition of information technology services and to take such actions as are reasonably necessary to evaluate potential service providers in connection with that process.

2. The IGA shall, at the minimum, include provisions addressing:

   a. Governance and organizational structure for a shared IT consortium.
   b. Service delivery models.
   c. Staffing, procurement, and operational needs.
   d. Legal and technical considerations.

3. The City of Columbus Administrator shall designate the appropriate City staff to participate in the preparation of the IGA.

Adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council this 17th day of February 2026.

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Joseph Hammer, Mayor

Attest: _____
        Susan L. Caine, Clerk

Vote: _____