

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	E911 Dispatch Consoles for Police Department – HGACBUY Cooperative Contract Purchase
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	Finance Department

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It is requested that Council approve the purchase of E911 dispatch consoles from Russ Bassett (Whittier, CA) in the total amount of \$505,680.25 (\$431,893.85 to replace consoles at E911 located in the Public Safety Building and \$73,786.40 to replace consoles at the backup Center). The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase, via HGACBuy Contract #EC07-23.

The current consoles located in the Public Safety Building were purchased in 2000 and are no longer fully functional. Dispatch consoles have hydraulics that allow for the raising/lowering of the desk to achieve multiple heights for monitors to allow the Dispatcher to sit or stand. This is necessary for the long shifts and limited ability to leave the workstation. There is also an organizational issue with current consoles. New consoles would allow the Department to create more space and protection between personnel against infectious diseases.

The current dispatching equipment at the Backup Center is placed on classroom tables. Conventional tables such as this are not suitable for E911 dispatching. Dispatchers work 12-hour shifts so there is always someone at these workstations. The tables do not accommodate the number of monitors and other related equipment necessary. New consoles are equipped to handle the large amount of cabling required and provide clear lines of site, adjustable heights, and sit/stand features.

The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Request for Proposal (RFP) #EC07-23, initiated by HGACBuy, whereby Ross Bassett was one of the successful vendors contracted to provide 9-1-1 Equipment & Emergency Notification Software & Services. The contract, which commenced August 1, 2023, is good through June 30, 2025. HGACBuy is a nationwide, government procurement service striving to make the governmental procurement process more efficient. Units of local government, including non-profits providing governmental services, are eligible to become participating members of the HGACBuy Cooperative. All contracts available to participating members of HGACBuy have been awarded by virtue of a public competitive procurement process compliant with State and Federal statutes. The RFP process utilized by HGACBuy meets the requirements of the City's Procurement Ordinance. Additionally, Cooperative Purchasing is authorized per Article 9-101 of the Procurement Ordinance.

Funds are budgeted in the FY245 Budget: LOST/Public Safety Fund – Police – Public Safety/LOST – Furniture; 0102 – 400 – 9900 – LOST – 7731

## A RESOLUTION

NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF E911 DISPATCH CONSOLES FROM RUSS BASSETT (WHITTIER, CA) IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$505,680.25 (\$431,893.85 TO REPLACE CONSOLES AT E911 LOCATED IN THE PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING AND \$73,786.40 TO REPLACE CONSOLES AT THE BACKUP CENTER). THE PURCHASE WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY COOPERATIVE PURCHASE, VIA HGACBUY CONTRACT #EC07-23.**

**WHEREAS**, the current consoles located in the Public Safety Building were purchased in 2000 and are no longer fully functional. Dispatch consoles have hydraulics that allow for the raising/lowering of the desk to achieve multiple heights for monitors to allow the Dispatcher to sit or stand. This is necessary for the long shifts and limited ability to leave the workstation. There is also an organizational issue with current consoles. New consoles would allow the Department to create more space and protection between personnel against infectious diseases; and,

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**WHEREAS**, the purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Request for Proposal (RFP) #EC07-23, initiated by HGACBuy, whereby Ross Bassett was one of the successful vendors contracted to provide 9-1-1 Equipment & Emergency Notification Software & Services. The contract, which commenced August 1, 2023, is good through June 30, 2025. HGACBuy is a nationwide, government procurement service striving to make the governmental procurement process more efficient. Units of local government, including non-profits providing governmental services, are eligible to become participating members of the HGACBuy Cooperative. All contracts available to participating members of HGACBuy have been awarded by virtue of a public competitive procurement process compliant with State and Federal statutes. The RFP process utilized by HGACBuy meets the requirements of the City's Procurement Ordinance. Additionally, Cooperative Purchasing is authorized per Article 9-101 of the Procurement Ordinance.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to purchase of E911 dispatch consoles from Russ Bassett (Whittier, CA) in the total amount of \$505,680.25 (\$431,893.85 to replace consoles at E911 located in the Public Safety Building and \$73,786.40 to replace consoles at the backup Center). The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase, via HGACBuy Contract

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Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen	voting _____
Council District 1 Seat	voting _____
Councilor Begly	voting _____
Councilor Cogle	voting _____
Councilor Crabb	voting _____
Councilor Davis	voting _____
Councilor Garrett	voting _____
Councilor Huff	voting _____
Councilor Thomas	voting _____
Councilor Tucker	voting _____

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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B.H. “Skip” Henderson III, Mayor