

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	Mobile Data Terminals for Fire & EMS (Annual Contract)
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	Finance Department

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It is requested that Council approve the purchase, programming and installation of twenty-three (23) Mobile Data Terminals (Panasonic Toughbooks) from Mobile Communication America (Columbus, Georgia), in the amount of \$90,482.00. The purchase will be made via the City's existing annual contract for Pursuit Vehicle Buildout, PA13-0017A (Resolution #14-13), awarded to the vendor. Council approval is required because the purchase will be funded by OLost funds reallocation.

The Mobile Data Terminals will be placed in Fire and EMS Units and will be the direct line of communication for operations personnel with dispatch. These terminals provide real time call detail as well as location tracking. Personnel can access mapping data and hydrant location while traveling to a call. These terminals provide access to pre-fire plans and crucial data for decision making during emergency calls. Improved call tracking provides for improved dispatch efficiency and decreased response times. The Department's current terminals utilize old technology and often have connectivity issues with the new upgraded modems. Mobile Communications has recommended the upgrade of the units to maintain the connectivity of the terminals. The Panasonic Toughbook is the product recommended by CCG IT Department.

The purchase will be funded by OLOST funds reallocation. Therefore, funding is available in the FY22 Budget: LOST/Public Safety – Fire & EMS – Public Safety/LOST – Capital Expenditures/Under \$5,000; 0102 – 410 – 9900 -LOST – 7763.

**A RESOLUTION**

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

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE, PROGRAMMING, AND INSTALLATION OF TWENTY-THREE (23) MOBILE DATA TERMINALS (PANASONIC TOUGHBOOKS) FROM MOBILE COMMUNICATION AMERICA (COLUMBUS, GEORGIA), IN THE AMOUNT OF \$90,482.00. THE PURCHASE WILL BE MADE VIA THE CITY'S EXISTING ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR PURSUIT VEHICLE BUILDOUT, PA13-0017A (RESOLUTION #14-13), AWARDED TO THE VENDOR. COUNCIL APPROVAL IS REQUIRED BECAUSE THE PURCHASE WILL BE FUNDED BY OLOST FUNDS REALLOCATION.**

**WHEREAS**, the Mobile Data Terminals will be placed in Fire and EMS Units and will be the direct line of communication for operations personnel with dispatch. These terminals provide real time call detail as well as location tracking. Personnel can access mapping data and hydrant location while traveling to a call. These terminals provide access to pre-fire plans and crucial data for decision making during emergency calls. Improved call tracking provides for improved dispatch efficiency and decreased response times; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Department's current terminals utilize old technology and often have connectivity issues with the new upgraded modems. Mobile Communications has recommended the upgrade of the units to maintain the connectivity of the terminals. The Panasonic Toughbook is the product recommended by CCG IT Department.

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

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to procure the purchase, programming, and installation of twenty-three (23) Mobile Data Terminals (Panasonic Toughbooks) from Mobile Communication America (Columbus, Georgia), in the amount of \$90,482.00. The purchase will be made via the City's existing annual contract for Pursuit Vehicle Buildout, PA13-0017A (Resolution #14-13), awarded to the vendor. Council approval is required because the purchase will be funded by OLost funds reallocation. The purchase will be funded by OLost funds reallocation. Therefore, funding is available in the FY22 Budget: LOST/Public Safety – Fire & EMS – Public Safety/LOST – Capital Expenditures/Under \$5,000; 0102 – 410 – 9900 -LOST – 7763.

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Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting \_\_\_\_\_.

Councilor Barnes voting \_\_\_\_\_.

Councilor Crabb voting \_\_\_\_\_.  
Councilor Davis voting \_\_\_\_\_.  
Councilor Garrett voting \_\_\_\_\_.  
Councilor House voting \_\_\_\_\_.  
Councilor Huff voting \_\_\_\_\_.  
Councilor Thomas voting \_\_\_\_\_.  
Councilor Tucker voting \_\_\_\_\_.  
Councilor Woodson voting \_\_\_\_\_.

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor