

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	AUTOMATED VICTIM NOTIFICATION SYSTEM FOR THE COURT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM UPGRADE
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the purchase of an automated victim notification system, from Appriss, Inc., (Louisville, KY) in the amount of \$15,000.00 for the non-recurring startup fee, due upon contract signature; and \$50,000.00, per year, for the recurring services fee. Upon mutual agreement, the City and Appriss may renew the contract for up to four (4) subsequent, 12-month periods. Each renewal period is subject to a 3% annual increase. Additionally, any services not covered by the agreement, shall be the subject of a mutual written agreement between the City and Appriss at the standard rate of \$160.00 per hour.

Per Georgia Code O.C.G.A. 17-17-1, Crime Victims' Bill of Rights, crime victims have the right to receive automated notifications regarding court proceedings and timely notice of the arrest, release or escape of the offender. Appriss has developed the automated victim notification system known as VINE. The system provides automated notifications for those notifications required for crime victims. VINE is a solution that lets crime victims and other concerned citizens access timely and reliable information regarding offenders. The system will enable victims to receive automated notifications via their choice of format: phone, email, or text.

The non-recurring startup fees of \$15,000, shall include the following:

- a) Establishing the system connection;
- b) Startup;
- c) Training; and
- d) Appriss Interface development.

The annual recurring services fee of \$50,000, shall include the following:

- a) The annual cost of operating and supporting the VINE Service;
- b) Hardware and proprietary software (the "VINE Software") used to power VINE;
- c) All incoming and outgoing calls;
- d) 24 hour monitoring of the service; and
- e) The cost of transmitting all data.

The system must integrate with the City's upgraded Court Management System, Odyssey, provided by Tyler Technologies. Information Technology has vetted the system, and confirms it is the only known system that integrates with the City's Court Management System. Additionally, Tyler Technologies has documented, in writing, that Vine is the only out of the box solution for automated victim notification that integrates with their system, Odyssey. Consequently, Appriss is considered the only known source for the system, per the Procurement Ordinance.

Funds are budgeted in the FY20 Budget for the non-recurring startup fees and first year's Services Fee: Special Projects/Capital Project Fund – Capital Projects – General Fund Supported Capital Project- Software Lease – Court Management System Upgrade OLOST; 0508 – 660 – 1000 – CPGF – 6541 – 22945 – 20200. Funds will be budgeted in the appropriate funding source, in subsequent fiscal years, for the payment of the annual recurring costs.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF AN AUTOMATED VICTIM NOTIFICATION SYSTEM, FROM APPRISS, INC., (LOUISVILLE, KY) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000.00 FOR THE NON-RECURRING STARTUP FEE, DUE UPON CONTRACT SIGNATURE; AND \$50,000.00, PER YEAR, FOR THE RECURRING SERVICES FEE. UPON MUTUAL AGREEMENT, THE CITY AND APPRISS MAY RENEW THE CONTRACT FOR UP TO FOUR (4) SUBSEQUENT, 12-MONTH PERIODS. EACH RENEWAL PERIOD IS SUBJECT TO A 3% ANNUAL INCREASE. ADDITIONALLY, ANY SERVICES NOT COVERED BY THE AGREEMENT, SHALL BE THE SUBJECT OF A MUTUAL WRITTEN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND APPRISS AT THE STANDARD RATE OF \$160.00 PER HOUR.

WHEREAS, per Georgia Code O.C.G.A. 17-17-1, Crime Victims’ Bill of Rights, crime victims have the right to receive automated notifications regarding court proceedings and timely notice of the arrest, release or escape of the offender. Appriss has developed the automated victim notification system known as VINE. The system provides automated notifications for those notifications required for crime victims. VINE is a solution that lets crime victims and other concerned citizens access timely and reliable information regarding offenders. The system will enable victims to receive automated notifications via their choice of format: phone, email, or text.

WHEREAS, the non-recurring startup fees of \$15,000, shall include the following: a) Establishing the system connection; b) Startup; c) Training; and d) Appriss Interface development. The annual recurring services fee of \$50,000, shall include the following: a) The annual cost of operating and supporting the VINE Service; b) Hardware and proprietary software (the “VINE Software”) used to power VINE; c) All incoming and outgoing calls; d) 24 hour monitoring of the service; and e) The cost of transmitting all data; and,

WHEREAS, the system must integrate with the City’s upgraded Court Management System, Odyssey, provided by Tyler Technologies. Information Technology has vetted the system, and confirms it is the only known system that integrates with the City’s Court Management System. Additionally, Tyler Technologies has documented, in writing, that Vine is the only out of the box solution for automated victim notification that integrates with their system, Odyssey. Consequently, Appriss is considered the only known source for the system, per the Procurement Ordinance.

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

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to purchase an automated victim notification system, from Appriss, Inc., (Louisville, KY) in the amount of \$15,000.00 for the non-recurring startup fee, due upon contract signature; and \$50,000.00, per year, for the recurring services fee. Upon mutual agreement, the City and Appriss may renew the contract for up to four (4) subsequent, 12-month periods. Each renewal period is subject to a 3% annual increase. Additionally, any services not covered by the agreement, shall be the subject of a mutual written agreement between the City and Appriss at the standard rate of \$160.00 per hour. Funds are budgeted in the FY20 Budget for the non-recurring startup fees and first year’s Services Fee: Special Projects/Capital Project Fund – Capital Projects – General Fund Supported Capital Project- Software Lease – Court Management System Upgrade OLOST; 0508 – 660 – 1000 – CPGF – 6541 – 22945 – 20200. Funds will be budgeted in the appropriate funding source, in subsequent fiscal years, for the payment of the annual recurring costs.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the _____ day of _____, 2020 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 Thompson voting _____.
Councilor Woodson voting _____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor