

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Annual License/Maintenance/Support Fee for Greykey Forensic Software for Police Department
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve payment to Grayshift, LLC (Atlanta, GA), in the amount of \$27,995.00, for the annual license/maintenance/support of the Greykey forensic software used by the Police Department. The payment will cover the period from January 11, 2023 – January 10, 2024. It is also requested that Council approve payment for the annual license/maintenance/support fees for subsequent years, including cost increases for all aspects of the system, which will be budgeted in the appropriate fiscal years.

The Graykey software provides a forensic tool that extracts encrypted or inaccessible data from mobile devices. The Columbus Police Department has found this software will enable a mobile device to be unlocked on-site, rather than sending the device to a vendor for forensic extraction. Use of this software will save time and expedite investigations. Grayshift is the developer of the software and is therefore considered the only known source to provide the license/maintenance/support, per the Procurement Ordinance, Article 3-114.

Funds are budgeted in the FY23 Budget for the current payment due: General Fund - Police - Investigative Services – Other Purchased Services; 0101 – 400 – 3320 – INVS - 6699. Funding for the annual license/maintenance/support for subsequent years, including cost increases for all aspects of the system, will be budgeted in the appropriate fiscal years.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO GRAYSHIFT, LLC (ATLANTA, GA), IN THE AMOUNT OF \$27,995.00, FOR THE ANNUAL LICENSE/MAINTENANCE/SUPPORT OF THE GREYKEY FORENSIC SOFTWARE USED BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. THE PAYMENT WILL COVER THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 11, 2023 – JANUARY 10, 2024; AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FOR THE ANNUAL LICENSE/MAINTENANCE/SUPPORT FEES FOR SUBSEQUENT YEARS, INCLUDING COST INCREASES FOR ALL ASPECTS OF THE SYSTEM, WHICH WILL BE BUDGETED IN THE APPROPRIATE FISCAL YEARS.

WHEREAS, the Graykey software provides a forensic tool that extracts encrypted or inaccessible data from mobile devices. The Columbus Police Department has found this software will enable a mobile device to be unlocked on-site, rather than sending the device to a vendor for forensic extraction. Use of this software will save time and expedite investigations; and,

WHEREAS, Grayshift is the developer of the software and is therefore considered the only known source to provide the license/maintenance/support, per the Procurement Ordinance, Article 3-114.

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

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to make payment to Grayshift, LLC (Atlanta, GA), in the amount of \$27,995.00, for the annual license/maintenance/support of the Greykey forensic software used by the Police Department. The payment will cover the period from January 11, 2023 – January 10, 2024. The City Manager is further authorized to make payment for the annual license/maintenance/support fees for subsequent years, including cost increases for all aspects of the system, which will be budgeted in the appropriate fiscal years. Funds are budgeted in the FY23 Budget for the current payment due: General Fund - Police - Investigative Services – Other Purchased Services; 0101 – 400 – 3320 – INVS - 6699. Funding for the annual license/maintenance/support for subsequent years, including cost increases for all aspects of the system, will be budgeted in the appropriate fiscal years.

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 _____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor