

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	AUDIO-VISUAL SYSTEM FOR HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	Finance Department

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It is requested that Council approve the purchase of an audio-video system from Columbus Tape and Video (Columbus, GA), in the amount of \$187,134.61 for Homeland Security and Emergency Management Department.

In early 2024, the decision was made for the Real Time Crime Center to take over the space that was utilized by the City’s emergency management operations center as well as the Offices of Homeland Security and Emergency Management. This decision was made in large part because the center will now be located in the Public Safety building and there was space identified for the emergency operations center in the new City Hall on 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue.

It was also decided that to help save costs, the fairly new audio-visual system, video wall, monitors, and operating system would all be left in place for the Real Time Crime Center. This decision now requires Homeland Security and Emergency Management to replicate the audio-visual system in the new emergency operations center, which will soon be located in the newly renovated basement space of the City Hall. The cost of the audio-visual system has increased since the original installation; however, Homeland Security will work with the vendor to find ways to reduce costs where possible.

The audio-visual system will be used to display emergency information for the City’s first responders and leaders to be able to prepare for, respond to, and recover from any large-scale emergency or disaster.

The Columbus Homeland Security and Emergency Management department is seeking to replicate the system that was approved for purchase from Columbus Tape and Video, per Council Resolution #307-21. That system was installed in the current real time crime center, which was previously the emergency operations center. The new system operates on the same platform and is scalable for future expansion. For continuity, the intention is for the new system to be purchased from the same vendor, Columbus Tape and Video. The vendor is local which also enables the vendor to provide on-site technical support 24/7. It is imperative that this system works as designed with limited down time, especially before, during, and after a large-scale emergency or disaster. Consequently, the vendor is considered the only known source for the purchase, per the Procurement Ordinance, Article 3-114.

Funds are available in the FY24 Budget: Special Projects/Capital Project Fund – Capital Projects  
– General Fund Supported Capital Projects – General Construction - Emergency Operation  
Center Relocation; 0508 – 660 – 1000 – CPGF – 7661- 22972 – 20240.

**A RESOLUTION**

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

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF AN AUDIO-VIDEO SYSTEM FROM COLUMBUS TAPE AND VIDEO (COLUMBUS, GA), IN THE AMOUNT OF \$187,134.61 FOR HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT.**

**WHEREAS**, in early 2024, the decision was made for the Real Time Crime Center to take over the space that was utilized by the City’s emergency management operations center as well as the Offices of Homeland Security and Emergency Management. This decision was made in large part because the center will now be located in the Public Safety building and there was space identified for the emergency operations center in the new City Hall on 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue; and,

**WHEREAS**, it was also decided that to help save costs, the fairly new audio-visual system, video wall, monitors, and operating system would all be left in place for the Real Time Crime Center. This decision now requires Homeland Security and Emergency Management to replicate the audio-visual system in the new emergency operations center, which will soon be located in the newly renovated basement space of the City Hall. The cost of the audio-visual system has increased since the original installation; however, Homeland Security will work with the vendor to find ways to reduce costs where possible; and,

**WHEREAS**, the audio-visual system will be used to display emergency information for the City’s first responders and leaders to be able to prepare for, respond to, and recover from any large-scale emergency or disaster; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Columbus Homeland Security and Emergency Management department is seeking to replicate the system that was approved for purchase from Columbus Tape and Video, per Council Resolution #307-21. That system was installed in the current real time crime center, which was previously the emergency operations center. The new system operates on the same platform and is scalable for future expansion. For continuity, the intention is for the new system to be purchased from the same vendor, Columbus Tape and Video. The vendor is local which also enables the vendor to provide on-site technical support 24/7. It is imperative that this system works as designed with limited down time, especially before, during, and after a large-scale emergency or disaster. Consequently, the vendor is considered the only known source for the purchase, per the Procurement Ordinance, Article 3-114.

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

That the City Manager and/or his designee is hereby authorized to purchase an audio-video system from Columbus Tape and Video (Columbus, GA), in the amount of \$187,134.61 for Homeland Security and Emergency Management Department. Funds are available in the FY24 Budget: Special Projects/Capital Project Fund – Capital Projects – General Fund Supported Capital Projects – General Construction - Emergency Operation Center Relocation; 0508 – 660 – 1000 – CPGF – 7661- 22972 – 20240.

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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