

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Facial Recognition Software (Afix Face) and Maintenance for Police Department
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the purchase of Facial Recognition software (Afix Face) and maintenance from Amware (Burlington, MA) in the amount of \$71,007.00. It is also requested that Council approve future payments for the annual maintenance which will be budgeted in the appropriate fiscal years.

Facial recognition technology will allow the department to search criminal watch lists and help conclusively identify a person of interest. Additionally, the department will be able to match a recently taken photo or video against a database of single images in their existing AWARE Mugshot system to help identify that person. This technology will be integrated into the Real-Time Crime Center to expedite intelligence gathering and efficiency of response to situations as they unfold throughout the community.

Per Resolution #162-08, Council approved the purchase of the Afix Tracker System, for the Police Department. Amware acquired Afix Biometric software in 2020. The existing mugs shots in the Afix Tracker System must be imported into the new facial recognition software. Utilizing Amware ensures a seamless integration with the same support team that supports the Afix Tracker system. Consequently, the vendor is deemed an only known source in accordance with the City's Procurement Ordinance, Article 3-114 and Federal CFR 200.320 (c)(2)(4).

Funding is available via the Governor's ARP Violence Reduction Grant as follows: American Rescue Plan-Fiscal Recovery Funds – State ARP - State Public Health & Safety PS – Capital Expenditures – Over \$5,000 – Columbus Police Department Public Safety & Community Violence Reduction Grant; 0218-692-2100-ARPS-7761-40255-20240.

Funding will be budgeted in the appropriate fiscal years for future payments for the annual maintenance.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF FACIAL RECOGNITION SOFTWARE (AFIX FACE) AND MAINTENANCE FROM AMWARE (BURLINGTON, MA) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$71,007.00. IT IS ALSO REQUESTED THAT COUNCIL APPROVE FUTURE PAYMENTS FOR THE ANNUAL MAINTENANCE WHICH WILL BE BUDGETED IN THE APPROPRIATE FISCAL YEARS.

WHEREAS, facial recognition technology will allow the department to search criminal watch lists and help conclusively identify a person of interest. Additionally, the department will be able to match a recently taken photo or video against a database of single images in their existing AWARE Mugshot system to help identify that person. This technology will be integrated into the Real-Time Crime Center to expedite intelligence gathering and efficiency of response to situations as they unfold throughout the community; and,

WHEREAS, per Resolution #162-08, Council approved the purchase of the Afix Tracker System, for the Police Department. Amware acquired Afix Biometric software in 2020. The existing mugs shots in the Afix Tracker System must be imported into the new facial recognition software. Utilizing Amware ensures a seamless integration with the same support team that supports the Afix Tracker system. Consequently, the vendor is deemed an only known source in accordance with the City’s Procurement Ordinance, Article 3-114 and Federal CFR 200.320 (c)(2)(4).

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

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to purchase Facial Recognition software (Afix Face) and maintenance from Amware (Burlington, MA) in the amount of \$71,007.00. It is also requested that Council approve future payments for the annual maintenance which will be budgeted in the appropriate fiscal years. Funding is available via the Governor’s ARP Violence Reduction Grant as follows: American Rescue Plan-Fiscal Recovery Funds – State ARP - State Public Health & Safety PS – Capital Expenditures – Over \$5,000 – Columbus Police Department Public Safety & Community Violence Reduction Grant; 0218-692-2100-ARPS-7761-40255-20240.

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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 _____
- Councilor Barnes 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 _____

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor