
AGENDA ITEM

TO: Tim Vandall, City Administrator
FROM: Joshua Gentzler, Community & Economic Development Director
DATE: May 31, 2024
SUBJECT: Firewall Purchase

Overview: Section 4-10 Sole Source Purchasing in the Lansing Purchasing Manual allows for the purchasing of specific equipment for various technical requirements. The City's firewalls have reached the end of life and need to be replaced. The City's IT department is requesting the approval of the replacement of our current Sonicwall firewalls with the industry standard Cisco Meraki firewall devices. The purchase will include both the hardware and required licenses to operate the equipment. The City will purchase 3-year licenses from Cisco to decrease yearly costs for the City.

Policy Consideration: N/A

Financial Consideration: \$30,000 was programmed in Line Item 10-060-43340 in the 2023 budget for Computer Hardware. The estimated cost of the hardware and licenses is \$17,832.42. Computer Hardware budget has \$28,386.76 remaining in the line item.

Action: The City Council authorize the Community & Economic Development Department to spend up to \$18,000 to purchase firewall hardware and licenses for the City's network from Rhino Networks.