



Mayor Robert E. Simison

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Robert Simison
City Council

FROM: Dave Tiede, Chief Information Officer, IT Director
Kris Blume, Fire Chief

DATE: July 12, 2022

RE: FY2022 Budget Amendment in the Amount of \$62,000 for Fire Safety Center fiber and conduit.

Summary

Requesting funding to install fiber and conduit to the Fire Safety Center a 1901 E Leighfield Dr. The conduit and fiber will connect to Fire Station 3 at 3545 N Locust Grove Rd. This will provide much better connectivity for the employees at the Fire Safety Center and will help alleviate the regular connectivity issues they deal with.

The current connectivity causes wasted staff time, affects customer service, this will continue to be an issue until we get something in place. The Internet connection drops regularly, the phones cut out regularly, and there are issues with fire alarm calling out and creating false positives. There is also a need to expand phone service as a new employee will be brought on board this fall.

Reason for Amendment

The continued issues were brought up this spring, much later than the budget process. We have an opportunity to work with a partner that has an active project in the area, which means the cost to the City to do this is less than half of what we'd normally pay.

Recommended Action

When presented at City Council meeting on 07/19/2022, move to approve the budget amendment.

