



AGENDA ITEM ANALYSIS

Project/Issue Name: 23-26 An Ordinance of the City Council Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute an Agreement with the City of Springfield, Missouri for the Purchase of Programming Code to Design an Interface for Transferring Information from the Republic Police Department to the Prosecuting Attorney Management System.

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Issue Statement

To approve an agreement with the City of Springfield for certain programming code designed to assist the City in developing code required to interface the Republic Police Department's records management system, Niche, with the Prosecuting Attorney Management System used for filing citations with the Court.

Discussion and/or Analysis

The City of Springfield developed a computer program that allows data from the Springfield Police Department's Records Management System ("Niche") to be automatically transferred to the Prosecuting Attorney Management System (PAMS), used by municipal prosecutors to file citations with the court. The Republic Police Department also uses Niche for issuance of tickets. Currently, the City's Prosecuting Attorney retrieves all citations data from Niche and manually transfers the data to the portal required for filing citations with the Republic Municipal Court ("Show-Me Courts"). In order to automate the process of data transfer from Niche (entry point) to Show-Me Courts (destination point), the City will need develop its own code that essentially enables Niche to communicate with PAMS, which then auto-transfers the data to Show-Me Courts.

The programming code Springfield has offered to provide the City would allow the City to more quickly and efficiently develop the code necessary for process automation. The City would take the code provided by Springfield to a program developer (with separate approval from council), who would write the City's personalized code for interfacing the involved programs. The code provided by Springfield will benefit the City by significantly reducing the cost of a program developer and reducing the time required for development of the interface. Springfield has agreed to provide the code for the total cost of \$10.00.

The development of a program is still under consideration and would be presented to Council for approval before moving forward. This is a no-risk first step that will reduce the time waiting for the development of the program if staff decide to move forward with the developer.

Recommended Action

Staff recommends approval.