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To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: January 5, 2026

Re: City Hall Audiovisual Modernization Project

Impacted Ward: Citywide

Executive Summary

The City is seeking a modernized audiovisual system through the vendor TSI Global Companies to enhance accessibility, collaboration, and functionality within the control room, council chambers, and conference rooms 1A/1B, ensuring high-quality audio and visual performance for an optimal user experience both for the public and City staff.

Discussion

The control room, City Council Chambers and conference rooms 1A/1B are used for facilitating public meetings and digitally publicizing important information to the community through a city cable channel and streaming service(s) and platform(s). An assessment of the current audio and visual infrastructure reveals several limitations stemming from outdated technology and complex system configurations. Originally installed in 2010 with subsequent updates in 2014, the system relies on a combination of VGA (Video Graphics Array), component video, and SDI (Serial Digital Interface) technologies, resulting in compatibility issues and maintenance challenges. Moreover, the existing infrastructure lacks modern features such as wireless video connectivity, HDMI (High Definition Multimedia Interface), USB C (Universal Serial Bus Type-C) and POE (Power Over Ethernet) connectivity, and no remote IP (Internet Protocol) support and access capabilities, hindering efficient operation and maintenance.

To address these shortcomings and ensure the continued effectiveness of the control room, 1A/1B and Chambers, the City of Columbia sought proposals for a comprehensive audiovisual technology modernization. This project aims to modernize the infrastructure, improve system reliability, enhance visual quality of scheduled and live broadcasts, various forms of video streaming, streamline operations for seamless content delivery and also improve audiovisual capabilities in the conference rooms 1A/1B. Through this request, the City aims to procure comprehensive design, equipment purchase, and installation of modern audiovisual equipment, ensuring compliance with ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) accessibility requirements.



Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: \$600,000

Long-Term Impact: N/A

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Operational Excellence, Secondary Impact: Infrastructure, Tertiary Impact: Social Equity

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Inter-Governmental Cooperation, Tertiary Impact: Mobility, Connectivity, and Accessibility

Legislative History

Date	Action
02/26/24 – 03/01/24	Creative Services Staff met with all council members and applicable City staff for feedback and goals for new system
07/10/25	RFP is issued for bidding from the City to public contractors
12/03/25	Conditional contract is sent to TSI Global Companies after receiving the highest evaluative score
06/16/26 – 07/05/26	Projected installation date

Suggested Council Action

Staff recommends Council approval of the ordinance that would award the RFP bid to TSI Global Companies for the modernization of the Council Chambers, the control room and 1A/1B, including an appropriation of \$600,000 to fund the project.