



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, July 23, 2002

Council Session

Item G27

#2002-228 - Approving Upgrade and Compliance of Microsoft Licensing

For some time the IT Department has been working on making sure we are current on our Microsoft licensing agreements and that we are addressing future needs. This encompasses Microsoft Operating Systems, Office-Word, Excel, Power Point, Outlook, etc., and the Client Access Licenses that allow connection to network servers. We had already made the decision to bypass Windows 2000 and move directly to Office XP. Microsoft is offering until July 31, an opportunity for clients to catch-up on expired licenses and renewals that include a two year maintenance feature which allows for free upgrades during that period. Council approval is required as the estimated expenditure is \$150,000.00 and would fall under the Nebraska State Contract requirements. While this is a large expenditure, we had to run down agreements for all the City's personal computers, including Utilities and other departments, a number in the 300 range. Some of these had been out of compliance since September, 2000 and many others had not done future needed renewals. Over half of this expenditure is funded in General Fund D-150, A/C10055003-85620 and the balance is budgeted in the various user departments. This should largely take care of our Microsoft licensing needs for the next two years, but brings home the point that there are significant on-going costs associated with PCs after the initial purchase which we need to stay cognizant of.

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RESOLUTION 2002-228

WHEREAS, the Information Technology Division of the Finance Department continually works on maintaining the city's computer network, computer hardware, software, etc.; and

WHEREAS, due to the number of computer users, the variety of computer software programs utilized, and the constant need for computer upgrades, it is imperative to consistently maintain the entire city network system; and

WHEREAS, Microsoft is currently offering an opportunity for clients to catch-up on expired licenses and renewals at a cost of \$150,000, which includes a two-year maintenance feature which would provide the option to receive additional upgrades for a two-year period; and

WHEREAS, this is the most cost effective approach to updating and upgrading the city computer system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the Information Technology Division of the Finance Department is hereby authorized to update expired computer software licenses and renewals on the City computers at an amount of \$150,000, which includes a two-year maintenance feature providing the option to receive additional upgrades during that period.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska on July 23, 2002.

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form ? _____ July 19, 2002 ? City Attorney
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