

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-R-132

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, RATIFYING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER'S EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A PURCHASE ORDER TO COMPUTERS AT WORK!, INC., DBA VTECHIO, IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SIXTY-FOUR DOLLARS AND SEVENTY-THREE CENTS (\$121,864.73), FOR THE EMERGENCY PURCHASE OF NEW FIREWALL/VPN SOLUTIONS IN RESPONSE TO THE CITY'S CYBER INCIDENT; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND ALL OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, on August 4, 2024, the City of North Miami ("City") experienced a cyber incident resulting in the loss of access to critical network systems in the City's information technology ("IT") environment; and

WHEREAS, in response to the incident, the City's IT Department needed to immediately identify and implement the necessary software, equipment, and services to address the impact of this incident on an expedited emergency basis; and

WHEREAS, one of several solutions implemented by the IT department to address this incident is the purchase and installation of a new firewall/VPN system; and

WHEREAS, Section 7-144, City Code, allows the City Manager to make emergency procurements when there exists an immediate threat to public health, welfare, or safety or to prevent or minimize serious disruption of government services; and

WHEREAS, the emergency purchase is necessary because the City's IT department was required to respond to the cyber incident and restore access to critical network systems on an expedited basis to ensure the integrity of the City's IT infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, a purchase order in the amount not-to-exceed One Hundred Twenty-One Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-Four Dollars and Seventy-Three Cents (\$121,864.73), will be issued on an emergency basis, to secure the emergency purchase and installation of the necessary equipment and software; and

WHEREAS, for the benefit of the public health, safety, and welfare of City employees and residents, City administration respectfully requests that the Mayor and City Council authorize the issuance of the purchase order, pursuant to Section 7-144, City Code of Ordinances.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA:


Section 1. Ratification. The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, hereby ratify the emergency procurement and authorize the Interim City Manager's issuance of a Purchase Order in the amount not to exceed One Hundred Twenty-One Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-Four Dollars and Seventy-Three Cents (\$121,864.73) to Computers At Work!, Inc., DBA VTECHIO for the emergency purchase of new firewall/VPN solutions in response to the City's cyber incident, pursuant to Section 7-144, City Code of Ordinances.

Section 2. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a 5 - 0 vote of the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, this 24th day of September, 2024.


ALIX DESULME, ED.D.
MAYOR

ATTEST:



VANESSA JOSEPH, ESQ.
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



JEFF P. H. CAZEAU, ESQ.
CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: CITY ADMINISTRATION

Moved by: Estime-Irvin

Seconded by: Charles

Vote:

Mayor Alix Desulme, Ed.D.

X (Yes) _____ (No)

Vice Mayor Mary Estimé-Irvin

X (Yes) _____ (No)

Councilman Scott Galvin

X (Yes) _____ (No)

Councilwoman Kassandra Timothe, MPA

X (Yes) _____ (No)

Councilman Pierre Frantz Charles, M.Ed.

X (Yes) _____ (No)