

RESOLUTION 2021 - 141

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF LAPTOPS FOR TELEWORK PURPOSES FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$7,500 USING CARES DOLLARS; AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF BARRIERS FOR RELOCATED PERSONNEL SHARING WORKSPACE FOR A SUM OF \$11,820 USING CARES DOLLARS; ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Powder Springs (the “City”) Cobb County, the state of Georgia and the United States have experienced an event of critical significance as a result of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, which continues to affect operations;

WHEREAS, a critical component of the public response to the COVID-19 pandemic is to practice “social distancing” by minimizing contact between people residing in different households as much as possible;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the dangers to public health presented by the novel coronavirus, the Mayor made a declaration of emergency on August 20, 2021 and issued an Executive Order to implement local emergency measures to protect life and property that included, among other things, that all individuals should practice social distancing as recommended by the Center for Disease Control;

WHEREAS, in order to provide services to the greatest extent possible within the recommended guidelines of social distancing, the City Manager has established staggered work schedules that included telework for employees who are able to perform their job duties remotely and deployed laptops to as many employees as possible to enable them to work remotely;

WHEREAS, the department directors have identified additional employees who are capable of performing work remotely with the use of a laptop and access to the virtual office environments;

WHEREAS, the City’s Information Technology provider, VC3, has indicated that city-issued laptops provide greater security against unauthorized access, and the City Manager recommends the purchase of additional laptops to deploy to employees who have the capability of working remotely;

WHEREAS, the City desires to provide as much protection to its staff as is possible and authorize the City Manager to acquire additional laptops to facilitate telework by City staff;

WHEREAS, the City personnel currently located in individual offices within City Hall, Community Development and Municipal Court will be relocated work spaces that require two or more individuals to share said space;

WHEREAS, to provide as much protection to its staff as is possible the City desires to accept the recommendation of the City Manager and Public Works Department to purchase portable plexiglass barriers for use in the shared work spaces for a sum not to exceed \$2,000 and replacement of a work space barrier at the Police Department for a sum of \$9,820 using CARES dollars;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Council for the City of Powder Springs that it authorizes the City Manager to acquire additional laptops for telework purposes for a sum of \$7,500 using CARES dollars and to acquire plexiglass office separators for a sum \$11,820 using CARES dollars and authorizes the Mayor to execute documents to effectuate same, subject to review and approval of the City Attorney.

SO RESOLVED this 20th day of September, 2021.

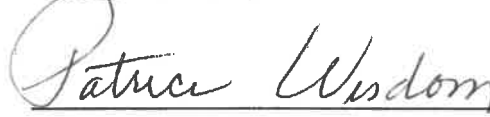

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