

RESOLUTION 2020-064

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PURCHASE LAPTOPS FOR TELEWORK PURPOSES FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000 USING CONTINGENCY 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;

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 March 16, 2020 and issued an Executive Order on March 25, 2020 to implement local emergency measures to protect life and property that included, among other things, that all city facilities were closed to public access and 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 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 to the extent the purchase of additional laptops and IT setup exceeds the \$5,000 threshold, the City desires to authorize the City Manager to acquire additional laptops to facilitate telework by City staff;

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 up to \$10,000 using budgeted contingency dollars and authorizes the Mayor to execute documents to effectuate same, subject to review and approval of the City Attorney.

SO RESOLVED this 6th day of April, 2020.


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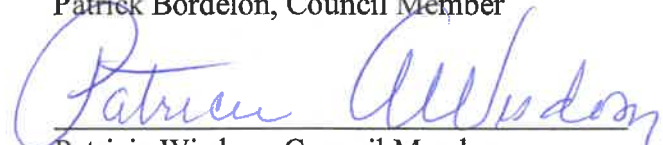

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