



City of Largo Agenda Item 11

Meeting Date
10/16/18

Presenter: Michael Pearlman, IT Infrastructure Manager

Department: IT – Information Technology

TITLE:

AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE CABLE TV AND INTERNET SERVICES FROM SPECTRUM, INC. IN THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$125,000 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019

The City receives both Internet cable modem service and cable television service from Spectrum, Inc. Spectrum has purchased Bright House Cable, which was our previous vendor. The services we are receiving are basically the same as in previous years from Bright House. The most significant part of this purchase is the provision of Internet service used by the City for general Internet access, as well as to connect distant sites (Fire stations, Golf Course, Recycling Center and Environmental Services) to the City’s main computer network. Sites where fiber optic cable is not available are generally connected by these cable data circuits.

This year, Spectrum cable TV service has gone 100% digital, and now requires a digital cable box at each television in the City that needs TV reception. An analysis has been done and the City will require a total of 137 cable boxes at an annual cost of approximately \$15,000. Including installation charges and additional cable service levels, the total for FY 2019 cable TV service will be approximately \$25,000. Without these boxes, there would be no television reception available at any City facilities, including Public Safety facilities and those utilized by the public, such as Recreation Centers and the Library.

FY 2019 funding for the Internet circuits continues to remain within the IT Department's budget. Customer Departments will be responsible for the cost of their own cable boxes. Most City facilities have been provided complimentary basic cable TV service in the past, and Spectrum has indicated that this will continue. Service levels above basic cable TV are charged to their respective locations. An example would be the recreational common areas in the Fire stations. Currently, the estimated annual charges break down as follows:

Internet Service	Leased Network Connection	Cable Service
55,000	45,000	25,000

Budgeted Amount: \$265,000.00 **Budget Page No(s):** Various **Available Amount:** \$125,000.00 **Expenditure Amount:** \$125,000.00

Additional Budgetary Information: The Leased Network Connection and a portion of the Internet Services is drawn from the IT budget (\$236,900). Cable Service costs and the remainder of Internet Services are paid by the Departments.

Funding Source(s): Various **Sufficient Funds Available:** Yes No **Budget Amendment Required:** Yes No **Source:** N/A

City Attorney Reviewed: Yes No N/A **Advisory Board Recommendation:** For Against N/A **Consistent With:** Yes No N/A **Not Applicable**

Potential Motion/ Direction Requested: I MOVE TO APPROVE / DISAPPROVE AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE CABLE TV AND INTERNET SERVICES FROM SPECTRUM, INC. IN THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$125,000 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019.

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Attachments: None