

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE WAIVING FORMAL BIDDING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT TO UPGRADE THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK'S NETWORK SYSTEM TO 10GB; APPROPRIATING FUNDS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the current network infrastructure for City of North Little Rock ("the City") was installed in 2000 and needs to be upgraded to increase the City's available fiber bandwidth capacity from 1GB to 10GB; and

WHEREAS, the City's current switches went EOL (End of Life) in 2009 and have never been upgraded; and

WHEREAS, since the City is a member of TIPS/TAPS, the North Little Rock Computer Services Department contacted TIPS/TAPS (The Interlocal Purchasing System and Texas-Arkansas Purchasing System), an organization utilized by municipalities, state agencies and schools in the acquisition of this type of equipment (see Exhibit "A" attached hereto); and

WHEREAS, quotes were obtained from three companies who are members of TIPS/TAPS (see quotes attached hereto, collectively, as Exhibit "B"), and based on its research in the marketplace, TIPS/TAPS has recommended Nextstep Innovation of Jackson, Mississippi (also submitting the lowest quote) as the best provider for the required switches, switch power supplies, switch modules, SFPs and fiber patch cables equipment at a cost of \$133,604.00 *plus* applicable taxes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1: That formal bidding is hereby waived in connection with the acquisition of switches, switch power supplies, switch modules, SFPs and fiber patch cables for the City of North Little Rock's network infrastructure from Nextstep Innovation of Jackson, Mississippi in the amount of \$133,604.00 plus applicable taxes.

SECTION 2: That the total cost for the herein-described equipment is included in the 2015 Budget for the Computer Services Department.

SECTION 3: That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.

SECTION 4: That the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable and if any section, phrase or provision shall be declared or held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the remainder of the sections, phrases or provisions.

SECTION 5: With the recent acquisition of upgraded software by the City, and the increased volume of data being shared and transmitted over its network infrastructure, it is hereby found and determined that the Computer Services Department is in need of the subject equipment in order to increase the City's current fiber bandwidth and ability to handle a greater volume of data; THEREFORE, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED:

APPROVED:

Mayor Joe A. Smith

SPONSOR:

ATTEST:

Joe A. Smith
Mayor Joe A. Smith

Diane Whitbey, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

C. Jason Carter
C. Jason Carter, City Attorney

PREPARED BY THE OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY/b

FILED <u>11:08</u> A.M. _____ P.M.
By <u>Deputy City Clerk Fleming</u>
DATE <u>2/17/15</u>
Diane Whitbey, City Clerk and Collector North Little Rock, Arkansas
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