

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH OARNET FOR THE LICENSING OF VMWARE SOFTWARE FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, VMWare is a leading provider of virtualization software and plays a crucial role in the City's IT infrastructure, supporting essential functions such as servers, databases, and our phone system; and

WHEREAS, recently, VMWare underwent an acquisition by Broadcom, resulting in material adjustments to its pricing structure; and

WHEREAS, for several years, the City of Hudson has procured VMWare licensing through OARnet, a division of the Ohio Department of Higher Education's Ohio Technology Consortium; and

WHEREAS, this strategic collaboration has allowed the City to benefit from significant price discounts negotiated at the state level; and

WHEREAS, OARnet, serves as the City's regional research and education network, and its extensive fiber-optic backbone spans over 5,500 miles, providing high-speed internet connectivity and advanced technology services; and

WHEREAS, after months of negotiations between OARnet and Broadcom, the City has received the final pricing details from OARnet for a five year contractual commitment; and

WHEREAS, this arrangement would allow the City to secure the best possible terms for VMWare licensing, ensuring the continued efficiency and reliability of the City's IT systems.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Hudson, Summit County, Ohio, as follows:

Section 1. The City Manager and/or his designee is authorized to enter into an agreement with OARNET for the annual renewal of VMWare licensing for the next five-years.

Section 2. That the City Manager is authorized to do all things necessary to process and to enter into an agreement with OARNET.

Section 3. The aforesaid cooperative purchase program contract as well as the technology is in the City and its residents' best interest.

Section 4. That the aforesaid recitals are rendered to be the findings of this Council and are hereby incorporated into this Resolution.

Section 5. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 6. This Resolution is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, convenience, and welfare of the City of Hudson and the inhabitants thereof, and for the further reason that this Resolution must be immediately effective in order to provide for the immediate technological services provided for herein, which are necessary to preserve and protect the interests of the City of Hudson. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED: _____

Jeffrey L. Anzevino, Mayor

ATTEST:

Aparna Wheeler, Clerk of Council

I certify that the foregoing Resolution 24-120 was duly passed by the Council of said Municipality on _____, 2024.

Aparna Wheeler, Clerk of Council