

Agenda Item: 2.f

Meeting Date: September 17, 2026

MEMORANDUM

To: City Commission

Through:

From: Michael Nagy, Director of I.T. Services

Date: 2026-08-20

Subject: Commission approval is requested for the FY26 purchase of Panasonic rugged laptop replacement equipment from GovDirect, Inc. of Clearwater, Florida, in the amount of \$70,474.00, as part of the IT equipment cyclical replacement program.

Presenter(s): Michael Nagy, Director of I.T. Services

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommend approval to proceed with the purchase of the FY26 rugged laptop replacement equipment from vendor GovDirect, Inc.

Strategic Themes: Communications and Technology

Boards & Committees: N/A

Budget Impact: The total FY26 budget impact is \$70,474.00. Funding is available in the FY26 Fire & Rescue account number 001-2220-522-055299-PS, Project 222603 (Attractive Items - Cyclical Replacements).

Past Action: The City Commission has previously and consistently authorized the annual acquisition of the computer replacement equipment.

Next Action: Commission authorizes the procurement of the computer replacement equipment as specified herein.

Attachments: [A. 26-411 - Quote - GovDirect FZ-56 Rugged Laptops.pdf](#)
[B. 26-411 - Purchasing Agent Memo for FY26 rugged Laptops.pdf](#)

Background: Since 2017, the City's IT Services Department has followed a five year replacement cycle for rugged laptop equipment used in the Fire & Rescue apparatus vehicles, subject to available funding. This schedule helps ensure that Citywide computing resources remain current and compatible with both city and county software systems, while also reducing budget impacts by avoiding more frequent three year replacement cycles.

The proposed purchase of Panasonic FZ 56 rugged laptops will replace the outdated Panasonic FZ G2 units currently installed in all fire apparatus. The older laptops are much smaller screens, and the new laptops contain larger screens which are a requirement the new county dispatch and routing software. The purchase also includes a \$5,400 credit for the buy back of the retired FZ G2 devices.

The total cost of \$70,474.00 is based on contract pricing under the Panasonic Sourcewell Contract 090122 PNA; therefore, no additional quotes are required. The city Purchasing Agent has reviewed the vendor quote and available funding and has approved the purchase as documented in the attached memo. Staff therefore recommend proceeding with the purchase of the Panasonic rugged laptop equipment as outlined.