

Memorandum 12-097 Tablet Device for City Council to Access Email and Conduct City Business

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TO: HOMER CITY COUNCIL

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THROUGH: WALT WREDE, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: RECOMMENDATION FOR A TABLET DEVICE WITH WHICH CITY COUNCIL WILL ACCESS EMAIL AND CONDUCT OFFICIAL BUSINESS

Following the Council Worksession on April 16, 2012; Nick Poolos, Jo Johnson, and Walt Wrede evaluated several 7" and 10" tablets in the Homer Public Library's collection. All agreed when viewing email and council packets, that a 10" screen size was a requirement for any device purchased.

Here are the cost estimates for an Android Tablet, keyboard, case, and apps:

Asus Transformer \$385.00
Square Trade 3 year warranty \$88.99
Docking Keyboard \$141.37
Poetic Keyboard Case \$19.95
Office App \$20.00
PDF Annotation App \$20.00
Cost per unit \$675.31

Here is the same for an iPad 3:

iPad 3 \$499.00
2 year AppleCare Warranty \$99.00
Zagg Folio Keyboard and Case \$99.00
iWork Apps \$30.00
PDF annotation app \$15.00
Cost per unit \$742.00

Taking into consideration cost, screen quality, market share, accessory availability, and ongoing support, the Apple iPad is the better choice.

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RECOMMENDATION: PURCHASE APPLE IPAD 3 TABLETS

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