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Memorandum 21-180

TO: Homer City Council

THROUGH: Robert Dumouchel, City Manager

FROM: David Berry, Library Director

DATE: October 11, 2021

SUBJECT: Phase II of Citywide Server Upgrades

The City Council previously adopted Ordinance 21-19, allocating a total of \$75,000 for upgrading departmental servers across all of Homer. The work is necessary to ensure the City's network can continue to meet demand for security, data storage and records retention, and to avoid breakdowns in aging equipment.

Phase I of that project, which covers the servers at City Hall, has begun. Orders have been placed and the equipment should arrive in early 2022.

Phase II upgrades the servers in other departments, but due to rapidly changing prices in electronics markets, the original cost estimates are out of date. The good news is that we now have hard quotes for the cost of upgrading, and prices can be locked in if funding is allocated before the end of November. If funding is approved, equipment would arrive at virtually the same time.

RECOMMENDATION

Allocate an additional \$45,000 to complete the entire server upgrade project.