

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION
SEPTEMBER 1, 2015 AGENDA**

Subject:	Action Required:	Approved By:
<p>An ordinance to dispense with competitive bids for purchase of dark fiber connectivity equipment and services.</p> <p>Submitted By:</p> <p>Information Technology Department</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">√ Ordinance Resolution Approval Information Report</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Bruce T. Moore City Manager</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">SYNOPSIS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FISCAL IMPACT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RECOMMENDATION</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CITIZEN PARTICIPATION</p>	<p>This ordinance waives competitive bidding for the purchase of equipment and services to connect to a fiber-based telecommunications network owned by Unite Private Networks (UPN).</p> <p>The total cost for this service is \$87,945 plus taxes and fees. The funds for this purchase are available from the Information Technology Department's portion of the 3/8-Cent Capital Sales Tax. There will be an annual maintenance fee of \$900 with a 3% cost of living increase annually for life of the franchise agreement, not to exceed \$10,317.49, plus any applicable fees and taxes, for the ten (10) year term. This portion of the Agreement would be paid from the Information Technology Department's annual Operational budget 103030-61340.</p> <p>Approval of the ordinance.</p> <p>N/A</p>	

BACKGROUND

The City needs fiber-based telecommunications assets in order to meet important public telecommunications goals and improve the availability of services and information for the citizens of Little Rock. These fiber laterals which connect the Southwest Community Center, Southwest Police Patrol Division, West Central Community Center and the Pankey Police Substation to the City's network. UPN has a franchise agreement that provides for dark fiber that the City can use to create the required connections for these locations. Only UPN is authorized to install a lateral connection to UPN's core fiber network.