

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

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION
SEPTEMBER 6, 2016 AGENDA**

<p>Subject:</p> <p>An ordinance to dispense with competitive bids for purchase of dark fiber connectivity equipment.</p> <p>Submitted By:</p> <p>Information Technology Department</p>	<p>Action Required:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">√ Ordinance Resolution Approval Information Report</p>	<p>Approved By:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bruce T. Moore City Manager</p>
<p>SYNOPSIS</p> <p>FISCAL IMPACT</p> <p>RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>BACKGROUND</p>	<p>This ordinance waives competitive bidding for the purchase of equipment and services to connect to a Fiber-Based Telecommunications Network owned by Windstream Communications.</p> <p>The total cost for this service is \$420,000.00, which includes a \$54,000.00 Contingency Fund. The funding for this purchase is \$360,000.00 from Short Term Financing (325309-F446005) and \$60,000.00 from the 3/8-Cent Sales Tax Funds (326309-TS30A04) designated for the Information Technology Department plus applicable sales tax.</p> <p>Approval of the ordinance.</p> <p>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. Only Windstream's (formerly Alltel's) Franchise Agreement provides for dark fiber that the City can use to create the ring in Northwest Patrol Division, Special Investigation Division and the State Data Center West. Only Windstream is authorized to install a lateral connection to Windstream's Core Fiber Network.</p>	