

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

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION
AUGUST 8, 2023 AGENDA**

<p>Subject:</p> <p>Authorization of a contract with Unite Private Network for the purchase of equipment and service to connect to a Fiber-Based Telecommunications Network.</p> <p>Submitted By:</p> <p>Information Technology Department</p>	<p>Action Required:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">√ Ordinance Resolution</p>	<p>Approved By:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bruce T. Moore City Manager</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">SYNOPSIS</p>	<p>An ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into a Sole-Source Contract with Unite Private Network for the purchase of equipment and service to connect to a Fiber-Based Telecommunications Network for the East Little Rock Community Center.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">FISCAL IMPACT</p>	<p>The total cost for this service is \$135,635.00, plus applicable taxes and fees. There is an additional annual cost of \$900.00, per year, plus applicable taxes and fees, for the (3) three circuits connecting the East Little Rock Community Center, the Senior Center and the Maintenance Shop to the City’s Network. Funding for this contract is available in the East Little Rock Community Center Broadband ARPA Account No. 270459-G0601AR45A</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">RECOMMENDATION</p>	<p>Approval of the resolution.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">BACKGROUND</p>	<p>The city needs fiber-based communications 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 lateral will connect the East Little Rock Community Center, the Senior Center and the Maintenance Shop to the City’s Network.</p>	

**BACKGROUND
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Unite Private Network has a Franchise Agreement that provides for dark fiber that the City can use to create the required connection for these locations. Only United Private Network is authorized to install a lateral connection to their Core Fiber Network.