

RESOLUTION NO. {{item.sequential_number}}

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMPLE, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF THE PALO ALTO CORTEX EXTENDED DETECTION AND RESPONSE SUBSCRIPTION FROM DELL MARKETING, LP OF ROUND ROCK, TEXAS IN THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$115,824.58; AND PROVIDING AN OPEN MEETINGS CLAUSE.

Whereas, this item will allow for the extension of the current Palo Alto Cortex Extended Detection and Response (Cortex XDR) cybersecurity subscription through October 22, 2025 - cybersecurity protects all categories of data from cyber theft and damage, which includes sensitive data such as personally identifiable information (PII), protected health information (PHI), personal intellectual property, Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) systems, and public safety records;

Whereas, because all of the City's systems are connected to the Internet, there is a need to protect data and services against an ever-changing landscape of sophisticated cybersecurity threats - a strong security infrastructure includes multiple layers of protection dispersed throughout the City's servers, computers, applications, and networks;

Whereas, cyberattacks occur every 14 seconds; thus, firewall and endpoint protection software must work in harmony to communicate any discovered anomalies - this solution will add to the cybersecurity posture by sending firewall data and endpoint protection data to the Internet to be analyzed and acted upon;

Whereas, Cortex XDR also utilizes artificial intelligence (AI) in real-time on each computer to help stop new, previously unknown attacks - although it cannot be guaranteed that nothing will slip through the cyber defenses, the City should minimize the liability and risk of attack as cybersecurity is a top priority;

Whereas, Dell Marketing, LP has been awarded Contract No. DIR-TSO-3763 by the State of Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR), which Staff is recommending using for this purchase - contracts awarded by DIR have been competitively procured and meet the statutory procurement requirements for Texas municipalities;

Whereas, Staff recommends Council authorize the purchase of the Palo Alto Cortex XDR subscription from Dell Marketing, LP in the estimated amount of \$115,824.58;

Whereas, funding for the purchase of the Palo Alto Cortex XDR from Dell Marketing, LP in the estimated amount of \$115,825 is included in the adopted Fiscal Year 2025 Budget, Account No. 110-1900-519-2515; and

Whereas, the City Council has considered the matter and deems it in the public interest to authorize this action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMPLE, TEXAS, THAT:

Part 1: Findings. All of the above premises are hereby found to be true and correct legislative and factual findings of the City Council of the City of Temple, Texas, and they are hereby approved and incorporated into the body of this Resolution as if copied in their entirety.

Part 2: The City Council authorizes the purchase of the Palo Alto Cortex Extended Detection and Response subscription from Dell Marketing, LP of Round Rock, Texas in the estimated amount of \$115,824.58, and authorizes the City Manager, or her designee, after approval as to form by the City Attorney's Office, to execute any necessary documents.

Part 3: It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Resolution was passed was open to the public as required and that public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Open Meetings Act.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the **5th** day of **September, 2024.**

THE CITY OF TEMPLE, TEXAS

TIMOTHY A. DAVIS, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Jana Lewellen
City Secretary

Kathryn H. Davis
City Attorney