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TO: Chairperson Plank and Members of the Finance Committee
Date: June 20th, 2013
Re: Recommendation to purchase a new sound system for the Council Chambers from Heartland Business Systems Little Chute, WI

Background

The current voting system and sound system in the Council Chambers has been in place since 1997. Due to the age and technology it is no longer compatible with the new Granicus Voting System being implemented and is in need of replacement.

Recommendation

I recommend we accept the bid from Heartland Business Systems in the amount of \$7794, these funds to be used from the TWC settlement for a new sound system. Meetings and estimates were held with Heartland Business Systems, Camera Corner Connecting Point and Arrow Audio. Both Camera Corner and Arrow audio had estimates in the \$18,000 to \$25,000 range to rebuild and replace our current sound system to fully integrate with the Granicus Voting System. Heartland suggested we continue to use the mixers of our current system since they are still actively sold and add the necessary microphones, cabling and control board for the Mayor's desk for \$7794. This will allow us to retire all components of the old ComTech voting and sound system and upgrade the components we have.

If you have any questions regarding this recommendation please contact Dean Fox.