

NOTES FROM GIS STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING COMBINED WITH TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10, 2023 / 9:00 AM / Council Chambers

GENERAL FUND REQUESTS:

GIS Multi-Year Agreement: There is a risk of a 19% licensing cost increase that needs to be addressed. Reid Demman, GIS Steering Committee Chair, says this issue is somewhat complicated. What is listed on the request is entering into an Enterprise Licensing Agreement (ELA). Esri is raising the cost for us to maintain Status Quo substantially. We are at risk of these cost increases every year if we maintain Status Quo.

One of the options is to enter into a three-year ELA agreement, and then have to renew that again in three years. The GIS STWG is now recommending moving into an ELA. The costs have come down on the ELA from when first proposed by Esri.

The GIS STWG has done some research and feels the ELA is now a better cost option. The County will see very high cost increases if we maintain Status Quo, they feel. This year would be around \$40,000, and in 2025, an even bigger increase would be on the horizon.

Erik Neemann from the Surveyor's Office presented the GIS STWG recommendation, which is to move towards the ELA now. The alternative is reducing licenses in the near term, which would save some money, but those costs would go up higher in years two and three. The ELA also gives us an option

to add more desktop licenses at no extra cost. Our current a la carte format charges us for those extra licenses.

Dave Delquadro asked for understanding about Esri's negotiation process and reducing costs later on in the process. Mark Miller from Information Technology has worked extensively to research these costs and displayed a slide on the three options for discussion at this meeting.

The three options below are considered at this time:

1. \$40,265.35 from General Fund for 2024 budget request to keep Status Quo.
2. If no increase is granted, licenses would have to be reduced.
3. If entering into an Enterprise Agreement, the funding ask at this time is \$11,167.00.

Dave Delquadro then asked if we are better off waiting another year before jumping to the ELA.

What it boils down to is the Council dealing with Status Quo another year or pursuing the three-year ELA commitment now.

Megan Hillyard asked if this was a reversal of previous GIS Steering Committee meeting recommendations. Yes, per Mark Miller since Esri came back with lower costs for the three-year ELA.

Budgetarily, we need at least \$11,167.00 over what is currently budgeted to enter into the ELA. A secondary recommendation is to drop licenses if the \$11,167.00 is not acceptable.

Dave Delquadro asked who would suffer the most due to the loss of reduced licensing. Would there be a longer wait for the licenses? Erik Neeman answered we have a buffer in licenses that we could use. An impact won't really be felt. Dave does not believe the Council will likely delve into this issue too deeply.

Megan Hillyard noted the effort to lock Esri down with numbers has been strong. Her position is that we accept the recommendation that the GIS STWG put forward.

Current ranking = 7. Many GIS Committee members agree the GIS item needs to be moved up in ranking and should be covered in the meeting on August 16, 2023. Cindy Beck will send out the ranking worksheet to Committee members to review.

ROLL CALL/VOTING RESULTS:

Motion: A motion was made by Megan Hillyard and seconded by Richard Jaussi to pursue the Enterprise License Agreement funding request of \$11,167.00 as recommended by the GIS STWG. The motion was carried by members of the GIS Steering Committee as indicated by the following members present:

Department / Agency	Aye or Nay Vote Motion #1
Administrative Services	Aye
Assessor	Aye
Community Services	Aye
Human Services	Aye
Mayor Administration	Aye
Public Works	Aye
Recorder	Aye
Sheriff	Aye
Surveyor	Aye
Treasurer	Aye
Auditor	Aye
Clerk	Absent
District Attorney	Aye
Regional Development	Aye

The ranking of this request will be reviewed and discussed at the August 16, 2023 combined GIS Steering Committee and Technology Advisory Board meeting.