Council Meeting Date: August 9, 2010 Agenda Item: 7(d)

## CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

**AGENDA TITLE:** Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Contract Amendment

with Sungard Public Sector for the Migration of the City's Financial

Database

**DEPARTMENT:** Finance

PRESENTED BY: Patti Rader

## PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:

When the City implemented the Integrated Financial & Accounting System (IFAS) in 1999, Informix was the only database that the application supported. At that time, Oracle was the City's database standard. Since IFAS was implemented, the City has switched its database standard to Microsoft SQL Server and has migrated other applications to this database. The city's portal and the recreation registration software (CLASS) use SQL Server as their database. IFAS is now supported in the SQL server environment. Since the City has been working with Sungard Public Sector to upgrade IFAS to the latest version now is an appropriate time to change to the City's standard. Sungard is familiar with the structure of the financial database and therefore are the preferred vendor for this project. The migration of the City's financial system (IFAS) to the standard will also support the City's current effort to virtualize the City's data center by using a single physical server to create multiple "virtual servers" to house databases and applications.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

The total cost of the database migration project including training is estimated to be \$40,159. The 2010 budget contains one-time funding totaling \$44,875 for the project. This conversion will also lower our ongoing hardware and software maintenance costs since we will no longer be supporting Unix/Informix database and will therefore no longer require separate servers for the financial system. The City spends \$3,500 annually for Informix database licensing and the annual server replacement cost of the servers is over \$7,000. The annual cost of energy will also be lower as we reduce the number of physical servers required to operate the financial system.

The original contract with Sungard Public Sector was executed on October 13, 1998. Since then the contract has been amended several times, as the City has upgraded its financial system to implement IFAS software for payroll, human resources, and budget. Council last approved an amendment of \$64,314 to this contract on June 23, 2008 to upgrade the software. The City Manager is authorized to approve subsequent amendments to this contract totaling \$50,000. In May of 2009, the City Manager authorized an amendment of \$45,678 for a required software upgrade and the implementation of Employee Online and Timecards Online. The City Manager does not have sufficient remaining authority to approve this requested amendment.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that Council authorizes the City Manager to execute a contract amendment with Sungard Public Sector totaling \$40,159 for the migration of the City's financial system.

Approved By:

City Manager City Attorney \_\_\_