

**CITY OF WEST ALLIS
RESOLUTION R-2021-0656**

RESOLUTION TO MIGRATE OUR ON PREMISE AND AGING BARRACUDA E-MAIL ARCHIVING AND E-MAIL SECURITY GATEWAY SYSTEMS TO THEIR NEW CLOUD BASED TOTAL E-MAIL PROTECTION PROGRAM

WHEREAS, West Allis has been using Barracuda's e-mail protection products for over a decade with great results. But the system we have now is nearing end of life and being an on premise solution, requires a unique configuration to work with our new O365 E-mail platform; and,

WHEREAS, the new cloud based product from Barracuda is more than a simple E-Mail archiving solution. An investment in this product will eliminate our need for a separate anti Phishing solution (KnowBe4) for \$4,500 annually, also replaces our current near end of life E-mail Security Gateway (Spam Filter/Virus Scanner). Additionally included is complete backup of our Office 365 environment which we currently do not have a simple solution in place to accomplish. By moving to the cloud-based solution we avoid having to make a 1-time investment in new hardware and paying annual software maintenance fees that would total over \$107,000 over the next 5 years. Furthermore, by having our E-mail (O365) and archiving in the cloud we will eliminate risk of having outages from hardware failures in our data center or our West Allis Internet infrastructure; and,

WHEREAS, our software reseller, CDW-G, presented three options for us to consider for investing in the new Barracuda Total E-Mail protection program. The first is to pay a monthly subscription for \$5,028.75/month or \$60,345 annual. Paying for a three-year commitment up front had a total cost of \$164,025 and results in a saving of \$17,010 over that 3 year term. Finally, a five-year commitment was presented for a total cost of \$228,825, saving the City a total of \$72,900 over that 5 year period; and,

WHEREAS, the Information Technology Department had included the subscription fees for this solution in our 2022 General Account request. On Saturday October 9th our on-premise solution failed and in working with Barracuda Technical Support we do not feel we can wait until 2022 to begin migrating to their cloud solution; and,

WHEREAS, in talking with the Finance and Attorney Departments we believe the 5-year up-front investment is the prudent thing to do for the City.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Common Council of the City of West Allis that the quote dated October 12th, 2021 for a 5-year commitment to the Barracuda Total E-mail protection program for \$228,825 be accepted. The City's cash on hand is sufficient for this prepayment and annual funding for services used will come from the IT operating budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Finance Department be and is hereby authorized to enter into a contract for the aforesaid services.

SECTION 1: **ADOPTION** “R-2021-0656” of the City Of West Allis
Municipal Resolutions is hereby *added* as follows:

ADOPTION

R-2021-0656(*Added*)

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY OF WEST ALLIS COUNCIL

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	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Ald. Angelito Tenorio	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ald. Vince Vitale	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ald. Tracy Stefanski	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ald. Marty Weigel	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ald. Suzzette Grisham	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ald. Danna Kuehn	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ald. Thomas Lajsic	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ald. Dan Roadt	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ald. Rosalie Reinke	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ald. Kevin Haass	_____	_____	_____	_____

Attest

Presiding Officer

Rebecca Grill, City Clerk, City Of
West Allis

Dan Devine, Mayor City Of West
Allis