Subject: An ordinance to dispense with competitive selection processes and award a contract for security awareness training to Optiv Security, Inc.; to declare an emergency; and for other purposes.

Submitted By: Information Technology Department

Action Required:

- √ Ordinance
- Resolution
- Approval
- Information Report

Approved By: Bruce T. Moore
City Manager

SYNOPSIS
To authorize City Manager to dispense with bids and purchase Security Awareness Training for City employees from the City’s current firewall vendor Optiv Security, Inc.

FISCAL IMPACT
The total yearly cost for the online training would be $32,500.00 plus taxes and fees. The training will be paid for from the Information Technology Department’s annual operating budget.

RECOMMENDATION
Approval of the ordinance.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION
N/A

BACKGROUND
Security awareness training is a crucial component for annual PCI compliance and audits for Finance and Police, and is critical to the protection of the City’s network and database. In addition, the annual financial audit of the City has noted that this type of training needs to be systematic and available to the hundreds of City employees who are responsible for accessing certain City programs.
After a careful review of the companies that provided the necessary software and training for a system compatible with the City’s needs, it was determined that Optiv Security is the only vendor that provides the needed training content in a flexible format that would be readily available to all levels of City employees. Since the research has been done, and any specification would basically suggest only one company could comply with the desires of the City, it is impractical and unfeasible to submit this purchase to a competitive selection process. Even though the amount is under $50,000, the fact that it is not competitively selected requires an ordinance by the Board of Directors.