

Information Technology Services

Q&A From WebEx Meeting on 5/20/2020

1. How much has ITS spent on iLegislate, laptop upgrades for Council?

ITS Response:

Granicus Project Status

The vendor of the current Legislative Voting System, Scytl, informed us in October 2019 that they will not review their contract with the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson county at the end of the 5 year contract on March 9th 2020. We were required to find a software solution that could be approved and implemented within a very short time frame. Based on their leadership position in the industry (with Nashville, 20 of 25 top cities are on the Granicus agenda platform), discussion with peer cities (Dallas, Louisville, Minneapolis) and after an extremely good alignment of capabilities to Metro's needs, Granicus was selected for implantation via a national cooperative purchasing agreement.

Scytl agreed to sign a month-to-month contract with them at \$12k per month for up to a maximum of 6 months, as they choose to leave the US market. This arrangement will expire in early September 2020. Thus the Granicus implementation project kicked off in fall of 2019 is scheduled to implement the full Granicus suite before then in order to avoid disruption of Metro Council meeting activities.

Due to the COVID 19 crisis and social distancing, the Governor signed an executive order allowing remote government meetings wherein voting had to be done by roll call. Keith Durbin was asked at 2 Council executive committee meetings to address the situation. Because the scheduled Granicus implementation project tasks had not yet been met, the iLegislate component was implemented remotely by Granicus staff in an emergency fashion with support provided by ITS for this component. The project still has multiple additional software components and operational processes that must be implemented and configured to accommodate the full functionality of the system later this summer. At this point, the project is still expected to be completed in the needed timeframe.

Cost Breakdown:

\$ 110,418 - Software Cost

\$ 151,382 – Services / Implementation Cost

\$ 67,029 - Hardware Cost

\$ 49,324 – 15% Contingency

\$ 378,150 – TOTAL

4% funding was approved for \$378k to the Metro Clerk's budget. This includes Year 1 Software, Hardware, Configuration, Implementation & Training Services – All Granicus Modules (iLegislate, Legistar, Live Manager, Media Manager, VoteCast, InSite Legislative Website – these are all integrated with the Government Transparency module we own, which is responsible for the Live Streaming and recording of meetings) and Audio & Sound.

Year 2 – 5 Software (License and Maintenance) Cost which will be paid by the Metro Clerk’s budget:

\$ 223, 870 – Year 2

\$ 238, 581 – Year 3

\$ 255, 251 – Year 4

\$ 271, 949 – Year 5

\$ 1,127,801 – TOTAL Granicus 5 Year Cost (Hardware, Software & Services)

\$ 240,000 – TOTAL Solotech (J-Sound Services) 5 Year Cost (Software & Services)

\$ 1,367,801 – TOTAL 5 YEAR Projected Cost

Laptops for Council members

In order to remove the risk for use of a wide disparity of devices and ensure that each councilmember could reliably use the remote voting feature, we recommended to supply a configured standard laptop to all councilmembers. Netmotion licenses are needed to allow remote connectivity to the Metro network. The current tablets in the chambers will be replaced with smaller touch screen devices in the future. This will be covered by the **\$62k** allocated in the Granicus budget (above). Once the Granicus system is fully implemented and the new touch screen tablets are in place, laptops from councilmembers who choose to return the devices and use their own instead will be provided to departments who wish to purchase laptops.

Item Type	Qty.	Unit Cost	Total Cost
Dell Precision 3540 Laptop	41	\$832.05	\$34,114.05
Netmotion License	41	\$100.00	\$4,100.00
		Total	\$38,214.05

Expenditures to Granicus to Date

Currently expenditures to Granicus (via Carahsoft) for their products and services are:

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Legistar Annual Subscription	23,929.47
Meeting Efficiency Annual Subscription	13,224.18
VoteCast Annual Subscription	10,075.57
Legistar Training database Annual Subscription	1,777.33
Boards & Commissions Annual Subscription	22,670.03
E-Commerce Annual Subscription	4,408.06
Performance Accelerator Annual Subscription	4,408.06
	80,492.70