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MEMORANDUM

TO: Legal & Finance Committee

FROM: Don Jarvinen, GIS Coordinator

DATE: October 20, 2010

RE: ESRI Software License Agreement

Staff requests City Council approval of the request for the Mayor and Finance Officer to sign the three year software license agreement with the ESRI company. The City/County GIS is currently operating under a 3 year site license to use ESRI GIS software. The current agreement will expire in February 2011.

The GIS has used ESRI GIS software for the last 12 years. We currently have software installed on 83 computers in the City and County, plus installations on six servers. The software on individual machines is mainly used for data creation, editing, and viewing. Three of the servers are used for data storage. Two servers have the internal and external RapidMap software, and the last one hosts a newer type of internet mapping software, which we are using to develop the next generation of web mapping sites.

The annual cost of the site license actually represents a savings from what we were paying for individual licenses of about $4,000 per year. Also, we have upgraded the software to a higher version for 19 users without incurring additional costs. The new internet mapping software by itself costs $25,000 per copy. We were able to load it for free as part of the site license. We plan two additional installations of this software to upgrade the internal and external RapidMap sites, which we can do for free under the site license.

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends the approval of the request for the Mayor and Finance Officer to sign the three year software license agreement with the ESRI company.