

To: Council President Cherry & Members of Council
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RE: Legislation for final phase of Audio–Visual Upgrades for Chambers

The third and final phase of audio-visual upgrades in the Council Chambers will enhance our capabilities for both in-person and hybrid meetings. By replacing current workarounds with dedicated equipment, the upgraded system will meet the growing needs of the Council and provide a wider range of production options.

Here's a summary of the key points:

1. **Upgrade of Behind-the-Scenes Production Equipment:** The funding will allow for the purchase of additional video production equipment specifically designed for Council meetings. This will eliminate the need for makeshift solutions and ensure a more professional and streamlined production process.
2. **Addressing the Need for Hybrid Meetings:** The upgraded equipment will support the hybrid meeting format, enabling both in-person and remote participants to seamlessly engage in Council proceedings..
3. **Import of Internet-Based Content:** The new equipment will facilitate the integration of internet-based content into Council meetings, allowing for the presentation of online resources and materials.
4. **Increased Functionality of Dais Micro PCs and Monitors:** The upgraded system will enhance the functionality of the micro PCs and monitors on the dais, providing greater flexibility and control for Council members.
5. **Wide Range of Production Values:** The equipment will cater to a variety of production needs, ranging from user-friendly "easy button" options to more sophisticated live meeting video production and management.

Overall, the third phase of audio-visual upgrades will modernize the Council Chambers, enabling it to effectively serve the community in the current and future landscape of meetings and communication.