

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



To: James Scholl, City Manager

Through: Kevin Bond, AICP, Acting Planning Director / Senior Planner

From: Nicholas Osterhoudt, GIS Manager

Meeting Date: February 3, 2015

RE: Termination of Interlocal Agreement with Monroe County for Geographic Information System (GIS) Access

ACTION STATEMENT:

Request: That the City Commission approve termination of the attached Interlocal Agreement entered into between the City and Monroe County for using a portion of the County's GIS system.

Location: Citywide

BACKGROUND:

On March 19, 2014, the City Commission approved the current Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with the Monroe County Growth Management Department for a GIS system, which is a tool to query, analyze, and map data. The potential benefits from using GIS are extensive. The ILA was intended to provide the City Staff with data storage and access to Monroe County's Database via a remote desktop client. Since the City had to purchase ESRI software to access Monroe County's database, this provided access with a direct connection. This eliminates the need to utilize Monroe County remote connection remote data storage. The ability to access Monroe County's extensive GIS database, which covers the entire Florida Keys, is still possible without the remote connection.

PLANNING STAFF ANALYSIS:

The approved ILA was to allow the City remote access to the County's GIS system and for the County to host the City's GIS data. In exchange, the City would agree to pay the County \$3,500 per year to cover a portion of its ESRI license fees and other infrastructure costs. The City's license was purchased, and access to the Monroe County data is accessible.

Therefore, there is no longer a need for the ILA between the City and County for GIS access because the City purchased its own enterprise software license, the City and County can remotely provide access to each other's GIS data through a free connection, and the City will host its own GIS data on City servers. City Staff has already coordinated with County Growth Management staff, who agreed there is no longer a need for the ILA or for City to pay the \$3,500 per year.

The ILA provides that the agreement may be terminated by either party upon 30 days written notice.

Recommendation / Advantages / Disadvantages:

Recommendation. Approve the attached Resolution to terminate the Interlocal Agreement between the City and Monroe County for using a portion of the County's GIS system.

1. Consistency with the City's Strategic Plan, Vision and Mission:

A GIS system provides opportunities for reducing costs, improving operations, and facilitating decision making.

2. Financial Impact:

The City would not have to pay the County \$3,500 per year for 10% of the annual infrastructure costs associated with maintaining access to the GIS server environment. This savings would help to offset the City's other GIS-related expenses.