

## RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_-2021

### RESOLUTION OF THE FORT BRAGG CITY COUNCIL RATIFYING AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER'S PURCHASE OF NETWORK SECURITY CONSULTING SERVICES AND SOFTWARE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$45,850, AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$45,850 BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 2022-16 (Account No. 521-4394-0384)

**WHEREAS**, on September 10, 2021, the City of Fort Bragg (City) experienced a security incident that rendered one server and email systems temporarily inoperable; and

**WHEREAS**, this security incident affected email and limited police department functions; and

**WHEREAS**, on the same day as the security incident, the City took measures through its cybersecurity insurance coverage to secure its network, launch an investigation, and retain the services of a cybersecurity forensic firm, Kroll; and

**WHEREAS**, an incident response firm known as Coveware was retained to facilitate a payment of \$28,125 for the purposes of quickly obtaining a decryption tool that allowed decryption of the impacted data to minimize the effect to City operations; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to engage Coveware to promptly respond to the incident, payment in the amount of \$7,724.30 was made on Saturday, September 11, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 29, 2021 the investigation concluded and staff has incorporated further enhanced security measures and implemented additional tools for end point monitoring; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Manager communicated the incident in a timely manner to the City Council; and

**WHEREAS**, Fort Bragg Municipal Code section 3.20.030 (D) authorizes the relaxation of purchasing policies in the case of an emergency when public interest and necessity demand the immediate expenditure of public money to safeguard life, health, or property; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Manager determined that to protect public safety and safeguard City property it was necessary to make immediate expenditures to engage Coveware's services; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Manager determined that to protect public safety and safeguard City property it was necessary to delay ratification of the purchase and procurement until the forensic investigation was completed and steps implemented to enhance security measures; and

**WHEREAS**, based on all the evidence presented, the City Council finds as follows:

1. That the foregoing recitals are true and correct and are made a part of this Resolution.
2. The security incident necessitated the immediate expenditure of public money to protect public safety and safeguard property and information.
3. Delaying ratification of the City Manager's expenditure until enhanced security measures could be implemented was necessary to further protect public safety and safeguard property and information.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Fort Bragg City Council does hereby ratify the City Manager's purchase of network security consulting services and software in the amount of \$45,850 and ratifies the City Manager's execution of any purchase agreements, purchase orders or documents associated therewith.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg does hereby approve Budget Amendment No. 2022-16 amending the FY 2021/22 Budget to appropriate funds in the amount of \$45,850.00 as shown in Exhibit A.

**The above and foregoing Resolution was introduced by Councilmember \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by Councilmember \_\_\_\_\_, and passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg held on the 13th day of December, 2021, by the following vote:**

**AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSENT:  
ABSTAIN:  
RECUSED:**

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**BERNIE NORVELL**  
Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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**June Lemos, MMC**  
City Clerk