

**PETERSBURG BOROUGH, ALASKA  
RESOLUTION #2020-18**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT FOR DESIGN AND  
INSTALLATION OF A MULTIMEDIA AUDIO SYSTEM IN THE BOROUGH  
ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS**

**WHEREAS**, the Petersburg Borough has been managing a local response to the global COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, public meetings of the Borough Assembly and other boards and commissions have been held mainly via teleconference or videoconference for social distancing reasons during this crisis; and

**WHEREAS**, the current audio system in the Borough Assembly Chambers is not conducive for the conduct and recording of teleconference or videoconference meetings with multiple participants – at this time, teleconference and videoconference connections are not hardwired into the recording or speaker system of the Chambers; and

**WHEREAS**, to provide adequate audio for participants and listeners of public meetings, the Borough Administration Department requests to update the Assembly Chambers audio system; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed update will allow the audio of all teleconference or videoconference meetings to connect directly to the Assembly Chambers recording and speaker system and be controlled by the Chamber's desktop or laptop computer; will allow for increased audio output inside the Chambers for ease of hearing from anywhere in the room; and, will greatly increase the ease of hearing for those parties listening to meetings on the radio or Borough website and participants attending meetings via teleconference or videoconference; and

**WHEREAS**, The Chariot Group, Inc., who specialize in delivering audio and videoconferencing systems, design, installation and integration solutions and are headquartered in Anchorage, has been highly responsive in offering a quote for design and installation of the Borough's multimedia audio system needs; and

**WHEREAS**, the one other vendor in Alaska, ATS Alaska, who provided the current sound system in the Assembly Chambers during the municipal building renovation, failed to provide a quote and recommended The Chariot Group for their expertise in the Borough's needs; and

**WHEREAS**, The Chariot Group has designed and installed multimedia systems for board rooms, hearing chambers (including for the Legislative Information Office) and conference centers in Alaska and throughout the Western U.S., and

**WHEREAS**, Borough staff has received a quote from The Chariot Group for design and installation of a multimedia audio system in the Borough Assembly Chambers for \$39,970.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the purchase of the multimedia audio system is an allowed use of the Borough's CARES act funds which must be expended prior to December 30, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the Petersburg Borough's best interest to forego a competitive bid process allowed by PMC 4.04.040(A) and enter into a contract with The Chariot Group, Inc. for design and installation of a multimedia audio system in the Assembly Chambers as soon as possible.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Assembly for the Petersburg Borough approves of the sole source contract for design and installation services of a multimedia audio system in the Borough Assembly Chambers with The Chariot Group for the quoted amount of \$39,970.00.

Passed and Approved by the Petersburg Borough Assembly on October 20, 2020.

**ATTEST:**

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**Mark Jensen, Mayor**

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**Debra K. Thompson, Borough Clerk**