



MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Rich Olson, City Manager
Date: November 22, 2017
Subj: Consideration – iPad Purchases at Depreciated Value

BACKGROUND:

The City of Elizabeth City began providing members of the City Council with iPads in 2012, when a decision was made to stop providing paper copies of memos and City Council packets. When a new member of the City Council is sworn in, they are provided a new iPad. In 2013, the City Council authorized members leaving City Council the option of purchasing the iPad from the City for \$250.00. Over the years, several Councilmembers have purchased their iPad for this amount. Several of the Councilmembers who received their iPad in 2012 now have an iPad which is 5 years old; and the older iPads do not have the more advanced technology that the ones we are purchasing for new members of the Council do. Since the iPad may be up to 5 years old, staff believes we need to change our policy for Councilmembers wishing to purchase their iPad.

ANALYSIS:

The iPads purchased during 2012 cost the City approximately \$599; and the ones purchased for the new City Councilmembers cost \$400. Technology changes at a rapid pace and devalues to hardware are accelerated. Staff would like to propose that City Councilmembers be able to purchase their iPads at a depreciated value. The depreciated value would be determined in the following manner.

Original Purchase Price less \$100 per year of use with a minimum value of \$100.

The iPads purchased in 2012 that cost the City \$599, and were used until 2017 would be valued at the \$100 minimum. Members of the City Council would continue to be able to purchase their iPads, if they so wished.

FINANCIAL:

The Finance Committee discussed this matter during their November 22, 2017 meeting. Upon motion made by Councilman Donnelly, seconded by Councilman Horton, the Committee unanimously recommended approval by the City Council.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

By motion, approve offering the departing members of the City Council the option of purchasing their iPad at a depreciated value of the purchase price minus \$100 for each year of usage, with a minimum value of \$100.00.