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CITY PROPOSAL:

RESOLVED, that the proper city officials are hereby authorized to execute an agreement with KFI Engineers, for City Hall Indoor Air Quality Control System Design for an amount not to exceed \$750,300.00, payable from fund 226-125-5004-6400-5520-ARPA (local fiscal recovery funds; finance; ventilation City Hall; City Hall HVAC/restroom upgrades; buildings & structures)

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This resolution authorizes an agreement with KFI for City Hall Indoor Air Quality Control System Design.

The indoor air quality control system within City Hall is largely original to the 1927 construction of the building. KFI will design solutions that will replace the obsolete ventilation system, update the perimeter heating, control humidity and temperature, modernize building controls, and meet current life safety standards for smoke evacuation.

On July 19, 2021, City Council approved Resolution 21-0515R identifying eligible priority uses for \$58 million of federal funds from the American Rescue Plan Act. The resolution identified improvement of City Hall indoor air quality as an eligibility priority and preliminarily allocated \$12 million of American Rescue Plan Act funds for that purpose. The present resolution authorizes design and engineering for that project.

The current antiquated City Hall ventilation system does not meet OSHA and Minnesota Department of Health guidelines for carbon dioxide levels, temperature, and relative humidity, does not circulate clean airflow, and does not provide protection from COVID-19 and other airborne illnesses. If not funded by American Rescue Plan Act funds now, the project would have to be undertaken within a few years, paid for by local property taxes. The public health emergency has exacerbated the urgent need for this project.

Purchasing issued a Request for Proposals on August 20, 2021 and received 9 proposals. After a thorough evaluation and interview process, the proposal submitted by KFI received the highest score and is recommended for award. The names of the responding firms and their scores are listed below.

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Company	<u>Score</u>
KFI Engineers	92.80
TKDA	88.67
Victus Engineering	80.94
Gausman & Moore-Ayres	79.67
ARI	70.12
Obernel Engineering	69.60
Hallberg Engineering	69.45
LHB	63.23
Windsor Engineering	58.95

KFI's proposal and estimation sheet are attached as Exhibit A.