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TO: AIS Committee

RE: JDE Financial System Upgrade

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The upgrade from JDE OneWorld XE to 8.11 for the most part was completed by the end of June. We are still working out a couple of bugs to the system and currently upgrading the tools or middleware used by the system.

The city team did a great job on this project. They were complimented several times by AMX, (the third party implementation company) on their commitment to the project. This included weeks of preplanning, creating test scripts and documentation, weeks and months testing and troubleshooting during and after implementation. The project was completed in half the time allotted and came in well under budget.

This project was delayed for a year so the team could evaluate other software options and to make sure this was the best use of city funds. Based on request for proposals we budgeted and asked council to authorize the expenditure of \$320,000.00 for this project. Because of the excellent work performed by the city team, this project (including resolving some existing issues) will have been completed for about \$195,000.00.

The team wanted to update this committee and council on the status and direction of the project. The main impetus behind the upgrade was to stabilize the environment and many behind the scenes technical improvements. During the implementation and especially now that we have been using the system for a couple of months there are some new functionality features and areas that we would like to improve on. Such as and please note that this list is not all inclusive: the ability to scan invoices and tie them to a purchase order, incorporate NIGP codes to purchase orders, multiple account distribution, total compensation report, forecasting reports for the budget area, correct prenote issues in payroll, etc. Before we make any decision to move ahead and make improvements to the system, we felt it was pertinent for us to let you know our intentions, and to see if as council representatives you have any comments on the direction we are pursuing. We want to show the council that we have been good stewards of the faith and responsibility you have entrusted in us.

At this time we would like to prioritize the items, work with vendors to determine the cost, move forward and implement the items most beneficial to the city. What are your thoughts in regards to this effort?