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Motion to approve funding of up to \$6,000 for audio equipment, for board & committee meetings and town halls

Agenda Item: XIII

Date: June 12, 2017

Proposed By: Aaron Downes

Background

The HSDNC currently does not own enough microphones to properly cover a full 22-person board accompaniment. The current sound system is prone to irritating feedback. Electrical power is not grounded properly and is a safety hazard.

If approved, this motion will provide enough microphones and cabling for all board seats, with balanced sound output for the audience and a safe meeting environment for all.

Other benefits of this sound package:

- Comply with accessibility rules for public meetings, prevent lawsuits against the city and individual board members for non-compliance
- Improved storage and mobility of all sound equipment
- Ability to record meetings (through mixing station) for transcription and verifying Minutes

Considerations

Arguments against:	Counter Argument:
This is too much money	I've asked for invoices from two vendors to get the best price possible

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This is a waste of taxpayer's money.	FY 2016 ends this month, and we have a surplus of funds that will be swept into the General Fund if not used. Next FY may be completely tied up for the elections. We will be able to transport the pro audio package to remote events and town halls to promote the 2018 elections
I don't need a microphone, people can hear me just fine	There are some board members with softer voices that can't be heard easily above audience chatter and room noise. Many audience members and guests experience hearing problems, so proper audio is imperative
Who's going to setup and maintain this stuff?	I will publish instructions and "cheat sheets" to make this audio setup very quick and efficient. I will also tag and label all equipment so that it may be tracked and logged on an inventory sheet
These items are way too professional for our needs. Can't you just get much cheaper brands and solutions on Amazon?	HSDNC equipment is often packed and un-packed in a rush, which increases chances of breakage & kinking. This can lead to safety hazards and repair costs later. I've deliberately specified audio equipment that is rugged, from well-reviewed brands, to ensure longevity and safety