



CITY OF HOLLYWOOD TAKES ON CUTTING-EDGE TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVE

Technology enhances efficiency of local government and provides benefits for residents, businesses and visitors

Cutting-edge. Forward-thinking. Efficient. These three words can be used to describe the City thanks to a new wireless Technology Initiative. Wireless technology is enabling the City to enhance the efficiency of local government, provide the highest quality municipal services and continue to attract world-class technology and businesses.

Anyone who lives in, works in or visits Hollywood can experience the benefits of the Technology Initiative. Below are just a few.

FREE WIRELESS INTERNET

The new WiFi platform provides free outdoor Internet access to all City residents, businesses and visitors. WiFi users can access the internet anywhere in the City. Whether it be ArtsPark or an outdoor café, WiFi users will enjoy the benefits of the Internet by tapping into "Wireless Hollywood."

EFFICIENT PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS

Public Safety agencies can operate more efficiently using the WiFi communications platform. Police officers in squad cars can download information vital to public safety quickly and efficiently over a secure wireless network. Since the City owns the network, the City no longer has to pay monthly fees to wireless service providers and provides additional cost savings.

MORE ACCURATE WATER BILLS

Wireless technology will enable the City's water meter reading process to become fully automated. Automated Meter Reading ensures that all utility customers obtain accurate and timely water billings. In addition, the automated system provides leak detection capabilities.

Installation of the metering technology has already begun in neighborhoods throughout the City. Residents will receive a notice on their door when an installation crew is scheduled to begin work in their neighborhood. The installation process is expected to take 8 months to complete.

REDUCING RISK AND SAVING MONEY

Undertaking a technology project of this scale can be a risky investment. City leaders understood this and created a fiscally responsible plan that enabled them to implement the technology initiative while saving money at the same time. Through a performance contract, Johnson Controls will work with the City ensure the success of the project for all stakeholders involved.

The operational efficiencies generated from the technology initiative are expected to save the City \$23 million over a 15-year period. This project not only helps the City reduce operating costs, but it also enables City leaders to improve the delivery of municipal services, improve the quality of life for its residents and put Hollywood on the cutting edge of Florida's cities in providing superior services to residents and visitors.

