

City of Fort Worth, Texas

Mayor and Council Communication

DATE: 09/16/25 **M&C FILE NUMBER:** M&C 25-0828

LOG NAME: 04ROCKET REFLECTION/ATTACHMATE SOFTWARE

SUBJECT

(ALL) Ratify Expenditures in the Amount of \$406,250.00 with Rocket Software Inc., for Attachmate Software License Overage and Back Maintenance

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council ratify a one-time expenditure in the amount of \$406,250.00 with Rocket Software Inc. for Attachmate Software license overage and back maintenance for the Information Technology Solutions Department.

DISCUSSION:

Since the 1990’s, the City has used software tools to connect City users to mainframe computers operated by the City and other governmental bodies. In 2005, pursuant to Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) P-10130, the City first purchased 500 Attachmate software licenses, maintenance, and support. In 2006, the City purchased 2,500 Attachmate licenses, maintenance, and support. The City maintained these 2,500 licenses until 2014.

The following table shows the M&C’s which authorized the software license purchases:

M&C Number	Date Approved
P-11051	November 3, 2009
P-11605	November 12, 2013
P-11717	December 9, 2014
P-12275	November 13, 2018
19-0296	November 12, 2019
24-0952	November 12, 2024

In 2015, the City retired its mainframe by moving mainframe applications to another product called Micro Focus. Users still needed Attachmate to connect to Micro Focus. Retiring the City’s mainframe reduced the need for licenses. From 2015 through 2024, the City only purchased 300 licenses annually from Attachmate.

In 2014, Micro Focus merged with the Attachmate Group. In 2023, Open Text acquired Micro Focus. On May 1, 2024, Rocket Software acquired Open Text’s Application Modernization and Connectivity business portfolio, which included the licenses the City purchased from Micro Focus. The City’s software license agreements require the City to agree to the assignment from Micro Focus to Rocket Software.

On April 16, 2025, Rocket Software conducted a software audit on the City’s deployment of Micro Focus and Attachmate software. The audit found software licenses for two Attachmate products. City computers used this software to connect to Micro Focus applications and the Water Department mainframe. The audit identified that the City had 348 additional licenses over the City’s 300 license allotment. From 2015 through 2024, the City had not paid maintenance and support on these 348 licenses. Rocket Software requires users to purchase maintenance and support with all licenses. Therefore, the City was required to purchase back maintenance and support for these 348 licenses.

To restore the City’s compliance with Rocket Software’s software license terms and conditions, Rocket Software provided the City a quote and order form dated June 3, 2025, in the amount of \$406,250.00, \$375,000.00 was for the 348 additional licenses and \$31,250.00 for maintenance and support. On June 17, 2025, City staff processed a signed and approved a Non-PO memo for a one-time payment to Rocket Software for \$406,250.00. City staff executed this Non-PO memo to avoid litigation and additional costs.

During the current fiscal year 2025, the City removed Microfocus and is in the process of removing Reflection Enterprise Suite Attachmate from

Funda are available in the FY25 Rocket Reflection SW project within the ITS Capital Fund for the IT Solutions Department, as appropriated.

The Director of Finance certifies that upon approval of the recommendation, funds were available in the current capital budget, as previously appropriated, in the ITS Capital Fund for the FY25 Rocket Reflection SW project. The Information Technology Solutions department validated the availability of funds prior to the expenditure being incurred.

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