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- Many obsolete and irreparable monitors, printers and miscellaneous computer equipment have been sent for recycling, thereby freeing up much needed space for other equipment temporarily moved due to the renovation. We still have a sufficient number of old but working computers available should we have need for them.

- The remaining WLS-supplied new computers we received two months ago have been configured and rolled out to Circulation Staff. We had decided to wait until the Circulation Staff was relocated before replacing their systems. This brings the number of actual WLS-supplied computers we have in operation to 19 out of the 28 computers we are contracted to have WLS supply and maintain. It should be noted that we still incur a cost with WLS for the remaining nine computers despite the fact that they are the property of the City.

- The Systems Staff have been very busy relocating computers, printers and other equipment, and Ryan Jackson has also been heavily involved in the configuration of The Edge laptops for additional upcoming programs. In addition, he has arranged to obtain a number of software applications and iPad apps free of charge for such programs.

- The go-live date for the migration of all City Hall email accounts from Novell GroupWise to Gmail hosted email is October 7th. A few minor issues have been encountered with the preliminary testing of some accounts, most notably some messages being refused as spam, but those issues have been addressed and resolved. There is as yet no target date for the migration of Library email accounts to Gmail hosted accounts. It should be noted that email addresses for both City Hall and Library employees will not change as a result of this migration.

- A new search engine has been implemented on our main fileserver. It is one of many new features integrated with the Novell Open Enterprise Server that had replaced the Novell Netware server.

- A new COMPUTERS & INTERNET - PUBLIC USE policy has been drafted and has been renamed to TECHNOLOGY & INTERNET - PUBLIC USE (see separate agenda item for same).

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