



Legislation Text

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Discussion of issues relating to the authorization to purchase Phase 2 and Phase 3 of the Whelen Outdoor Siren System upgrade from Crosspoint Communications through the BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing Program and authorizing the use of the Assigned Fund Balance.

Summary:

The City of Deer Park operates 10 outdoor warning sirens located throughout the community. This system is an aging system with most of the siren sites in excess of 15 years old (some are over 20 years old). Newer technology is available which will afford the City's emergency dispatch center with real-time visibility of each site's status and will provide greatly enhanced system reliability. The older technology has been quite problematic in recent years, with varying levels of performance effectiveness and reliability.

This purchase will complete the "front panel upgrade" of all the outdoor warning sirens in Deer Park. The first phase (including the dispatch equipment and three of the 10 sites) has already been funded by the Deer Park Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC). The LEPC is planning to fund the remaining phases over the next two calendar years, but their budget will not allow all three phases to be completed in a single year. The implementation of Phases 2 and 3 would allow the remaining seven siren sites to be upgraded now, completing the project in a more timely manner.

This could be accomplished through the use of fund balance assigned for disaster response/repair. The LEPC will then reimburse the City of Deer Park over the next two years with those funds to be designated as assigned fund balance to restore that balance to the current \$816,000.00.

This project will be completed by Crosspoint Communications through the BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing Program, Contract #524-17.

The total project cost is \$ 112,590.19.

Fiscal/Budgetary Impact:

Fund balance assigned for disaster response/repair will be utilized to fund this project, and the total cost of \$112,590.19 will then be reimbursed over the next 2 years by the LEPC. At the time of payment, the monies will be returned to assigned fund balance for disaster response/repair.

Discussion only during Workshop. A separate action item is on the Regular Council Agenda.