



Agenda Item No: 1.e

## PLACENTIA CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: April 1, 2025

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From: Public Works

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### Subject:

Award of Contract to Seco Electrical and Lighting, Inc. for Replacement of Generators at Fire Station 1 and 2., City Project No. 5501

### Financial Impact:

#### Fiscal Impact:

|                   |                     |                                                |
|-------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| Expense:          | \$137,415.11        | Construction Cost                              |
|                   | <u>\$ 11,848.45</u> | Construction Contingency Amount                |
|                   | \$149,263.56        | Total Cost                                     |
| Available Budget: | \$ 39,263.56        | Fiscal Year 2024-2025 CIP Budget (555501-6850) |
|                   | \$110,000.00        | Fiscal Year 2024-2025 CIP Budget (675501-6850) |

### Summary:

The Public Works Department is proposing replacement of the generators at Fire Station 1 and 2. The approximately 30-year old generators at both stations are out of service and are in need of replacement. The Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-2025 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget included \$150,000 for the replacement of the generator at Fire Station 1 which has failed. Since then, the generator at Fire Station 2 has also failed and is now in need of replacement. Generators provide backup power and ensure continuity of essential public services in the event of a power outage. Staff recommends that the City Council award a purchase agreement to Seco Electrical and Lighting, Inc., (Seco) in the amount of \$137,415.11 for replacement of the generators at Fire Stations 1 and 2. In addition to the purchase cost, there is a construction contingency amount of \$11,848.45 included to cover unforeseen conditions.

### Recommendation:

Recommended Action: It is recommended that the City Council take the following actions:

1. Approve the purchase of two replacement generators for Fire Station 1 and 2 from Seco Electrical and Lighting, Inc., for \$149,263.56;
2. Authorize the Interim City Administrator to approve invoice change orders up to \$11,848.56 to cover unforeseen conditions; and
3. Authorize the Interim City Administrator and/or his designee to execute all necessary documents, in a form approved by the City Attorney.

### Strategic Plan Statement:

There is no specific strategic planning goal or objective associated with this agenda item.

**Discussion:**

The City Council approved replacement of the generator at Fire Station 1 as part of the FY 2024-2025 CIP Budget. The generators at both fire stations are past their useful service life, however at the time of budget submissions, the generator at Fire Station 1 had previously failed and was proposed for replacement as the generator at Fire Station 2 remained operational. Staff intended to replace the generator at Fire Station 1 with a larger capacity generator to also power Fire Headquarters, located next door to the Fire Station 1. However, because the two buildings have separate addresses, they cannot share a generator. Adding a generator at Fire Headquarters would require installation of another electrical panel and additional work which cannot be absorbed within the approved project budget. While staff were considering replacement options for the generator at Fire Station 1, the generator at Fire Station 2 also failed.

Staff explored options to replace the generators at both fire stations within the existing project budget. One option considered was the conversion of a portable generator the City purchased in 2004, to a permanent installation at Fire Station 1. This would require updating the cabling to be compatible to connect to the electrical panel and installing a new transfer switch. The quote for completing this cabling work was \$24,036.46. However, the cost for a new generator of sufficient capacity for Fire Station 1 is \$63,280.63. Staff recommends replacement of the generator at Fire Station 1 with a new generator instead of reconfiguring the cabling on a 20-year-old portable generator.

The generator at Fire Station 2 has failed and is now out of service. Seco quoted the cost to replace this generator at \$74,134.48. Based on the original project budget of \$150,000, the costs for replacement of the generator at Fire Station 2 can be accommodated without appropriating additional funds.

Costs for this type of equipment are anticipated to increase due to expected tariffs. Seco is willing to guarantee pricing through April 5 while other vendors are currently holding pricing for one week. There is the possibility of increased costs to the City should the replacements be put out to bid, with no guarantee vendors could hold pricing long enough to complete the standard purchasing and award process. In an effort to get the best value for the City, staff is requesting the approval of a sole source purchase of the two generators from Seco for a total of \$137,415.11 with a construction contingency of \$11,848.56, for a total amount of \$149,263.56. City Municipal Code 3.08.070 allows the purchase of equipment without being put out to bid if it can only be obtained from a sole distributor or manufacturer within the time frame that reasonably meets the needs of the City.

**Fiscal Impact Summary:****Fiscal Impact:**

The total cost for this project amounts to \$149,263.56. This cost consists of the construction amount of \$137,415.11 with Seco and a contingency in the amount of \$11,848.45. A total of \$150,000 was budgeted in the FY 2024-2025 CIP budget for the replacement of the generator at Fire Station 1. If approved, staff will utilize the remaining budgeted funds of \$149,263.56 for replacement of the generators at both fire stations. As such, sufficient funding exists for the recommended actions.

**Attachments**

[PSA Packet - SECO - Revised.pdf](#)

