



MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Kevin Richardson, Fire Chief

Date: August 11, 2020

Reference: Consider approval for the purchase of the Fire Station Alerting System at Fire Station #4 by U.S. Digital Designs, NPPGov Contract #VH11614, in the amount of \$72,306.89 as budgeted, and authorizing the City Manager to sign any necessary documents.

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Introduction:

On November 12, 2019, the City Council approved the construction of Fire Station #4. The project is currently well underway and is expected to be complete in January 2021. This request is to purchase the Fire Station Alerting System from U.S. Digital Systems. They are the current vendor for the other 3 Coppel Fire Stations. The items being requested are considered “owner provided” and are not within the scope of the (GMP) construction and were funded appropriately in the overall project budget. The resulting cost savings will utilize city vendors to install proprietary equipment that is used in all Coppel Fire Stations and provide direct oversight by City Officials.

Analysis

This alerting system is consistent with the other three Coppel Fire Stations and will ensure that we meet the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) requirements for emergency notification capabilities and maintain the Insurance Service Office ISO Class 1 standards for alerting. This system integrates the fire station alerting system directly with the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system to provide automated enunciation of the alerting allowing the notification to be initiated even before the 911 dispatcher has completed the call-taking portion of the call for service. This results in the most efficient method of emergency notification and provides the highest level of service.

Legal Review:

Agenda item did not require legal review.

Fiscal Impact:

Funding for Fire Station #4 is budgeted in the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and was funded in part by the 2018 Certificate of Obligation (CO) issuance and the 2020 CO issuance.

Recommendation:

The Fire Department recommends approval.