

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS**  
**AGENDA ITEM DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM**

**DEPARTMENT:** General Services

**AGENDA DATE:** February 14, 2012

**CONTACT PERSON/PHONE:** STUART ED, GENERAL SERVICES DIRECTOR, 621-6822  
BRUCE D. COLLINS, PURCHASING MANAGER, 541-4313

**DISTRICT (S) AFFECTED:** ALL

**SUBJECT:**

APPROVE a resolution / ordinance / lease to do what? OR AUTHORIZE the City Manager to do what? Be descriptive of what we want Council to approve. Include \$ amount if applicable.

General Services requests that Mayor and Council ratify services that were performed to repair multiple gas leaks found in approximately 2,500 linear feet of gas line. This repair was considered an emergency as the ruptured gas line was found to be located inside several animal holding areas. Total expenditures were \$78,781.96.

**BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:**

Discussion of the what, why, where, when, and how to enable Council to have reasonably complete description of the contemplated action. This should include attachment of bid tabulation, or ordinance or resolution if appropriate. What are the benefits to the City of this action? What are the citizen concerns?

A call was received by the General Services Department on the evening of December 22, 2011 from the Zoo notifying the Department about the problem. Because of the sensitivity of the issue, a decision was made to contact a vendor who would immediately address the problem. The repair was started on December 22, 2011 and finished on December 30, 2011. During the following week, the Zoo again informed the General Services Department of other leaks found in another 430 linear feet of gas line and the same vendor was used to repair this additional gas line.

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:**

Has the Council previously considered this item or a closely related one?

No

**SELECTION SUMMARY:**

N/A

**AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

How will this item be funded? Has the item been budgeted? If so, identify funding source by account numbers and description of account. Does it require a budget transfer?

31010325-502226-01101-31010 - General Services, Buildings/Facilities, General Fund

**BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:**

Enter appropriate comments or N/A

\*\*\*\*\*REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION\*\*\*\*\*

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Name Signature Date

**COUNCIL PROJECT FORM REQUIREMENTS OR BEST VALUE BID)**

**\*\*\*\*\*POSTING LANGUAGE BELOW\*\*\*\*\***

Please place the following item on the **CONSENT** agenda (**under RESOLUTIONS**) for the Council Meeting of **FEBRUARY 14, 2012**.

That the procurement of goods and services to repair and replace the multiple gas line leaks and ruptures (affecting approximately 2,500 linear feet of gas line) found at the El Paso Zoo is exempt under State law because the expenditure preserves and protects the public safety of the City's inhabitants and resulted from the unforeseen damage to public property and equipment; and that the Purchasing Manager, Financial Services Department, be authorized to issue a Purchase Order to UT Plumbing, Inc. in the amount of \$78,781.96 for such emergency repairs, replacement and labor.

Department:                      General Services  
District(s):                        All

## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, on December 22, 2011, the El Paso Zoo experienced multiple gas line leaks and ruptures on approximately 2,500 linear feet of gas line located throughout the animal holding areas;

**WHEREAS**, the gas line is necessary for the operation, maintenance and safety of the City's Zoo property and inhabitants, and immediate action was needed to repair the gas line;

**WHEREAS**, UT Plumbing, Inc. responded to the City's request for emergency repairs and replacement of the ruptured gas line and has billed the City for the services in the amount of \$78,781.96 for the repairs, replacement and labor costs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Texas Local Government Code exempts from the competitive bidding requirements a procurement necessary to preserve and protect the public health or safety of the municipality's inhabitants, and because of unforeseen damage to public machinery, equipment, or other property.

### BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

**THAT** the procurement of goods and services to repair and replace the multiple gas line leaks and ruptures (affecting approximately 2,500 linear feet of gas line) found at the El Paso Zoo is exempt under State law because the expenditure preserves and protects the public safety of the City's inhabitants and resulted from the unforeseen damage to public property and equipment; and that the Purchasing Manager, Financial Services Department, be authorized to issue a Purchase Order to UT Plumbing, Inc. in the amount of \$78,781.96 for such emergency repairs, replacement and labor.

ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012.

THE CITY OF EL PASO

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John F. Cook  
Mayor

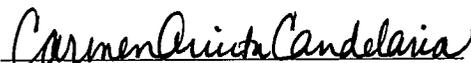
ATTEST:

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Richarda Duffy Momsen  
Municipal Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Elizabeth M. Ruhmann  
Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

  
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Carmen Arrieta-Candelaria  
Chief Financial Officer