

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

**DEPARTMENT:** General Services

**AGENDA DATE:** September 25, 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 the purchase of a UPS (Uninterrupted Power Supply) unit that will be replacing an existing, obsolete unit that is located at the Police Department Headquarters building. Total expenditures are \$55,210.00

**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?

The UPS serves as the backup power supply when the primary power fails and is important mainly so that communication abilities are not affected. During a scheduled preventive maintenance, it was discovered that the "key-switch", which is the main switch that starts the unit, is malfunctioning. An attempt was made to acquire the switch but it was discovered that the manufacturer no longer supports this particular model of UPS as it is considered to be obsolete. As a result of this finding, the General Services Department is recommending a full replacement of the unit immediately as it may no longer power up after another preventative maintenance nor is it likely that other replacement parts are found.

**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?

14400500-508027-27051-PCP12MFG75 – 911 Back Up Call Center UPS / All Years

**BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:**

Enter appropriate comments or N/A

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

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** \_\_\_\_\_

Name

Signature

Date

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, on August 1, 2012, General Services was informed that the "key switch" (the main switch to start up the unit) to the Uninterrupted Power Supply (UPS) unit at the El Paso Police Department was/is not working and that the unit is an obsolete unit for which there are no replacement parts;

**WHEREAS**, it is not recommended that any type of maintenance other than replacement of the unit be done because the unit, in its current condition, may not be able to be brought back up if the UPS is shut down for any reason, in which case the emergency equipment will not have any back up in case of a power failure;

**WHEREAS**, immediate action was necessary to initiate the process of replacing the malfunctioning and obsolete UPS unit in question in order to ensure the continued operation and uninterrupted services provided by and at the El Paso Police Department, and for the safety of the citizens of the City of El Paso;

**WHEREAS**, J&S Power Solutions has responded to the City's request for emergency repairs and replacement of the UPS unit and has billed the City for the services in the amount of \$55,210.00 for the replacement UPS unit and its associated installation 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 malfunctioning and obsolete Uninterrupted Power Supply (UPS) unit at the El Paso Police Department is exempt under State law because the expenditure preserves and protects the public safety of the citizens of the City of El Paso and resulted from unforeseen damage to public property and equipment; and that the Purchasing Manager, Financial Services Department, be authorized to issue a Purchase Order to J&S Power Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$55,210.00 for such emergency repairs, replacement and labor.

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

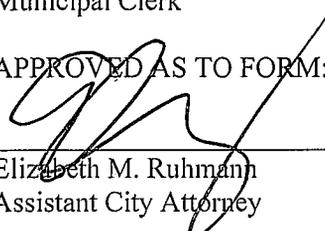
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John F. Cook  
Mayor

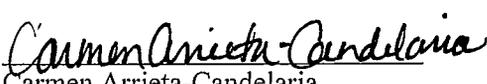
ATTEST:

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Richarda Duffy Momsen  
Municipal Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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Elizabeth M. Ruhmann  
Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

  
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Carmen Arrieta-Candelaria  
Chief Financial Officer