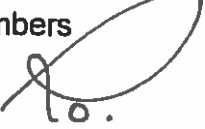


Memo

TO: Honorable Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Ronald L. Olson, City Manager 

SUBJECT: **Emergency Repairs
Corpus Christi Police Department Building Roof
Declaration of Emergency**

DATE: May 28, 2014

SUMMARY: Early morning Monday, May 26, 2014, a Corpus Christi Police Department (CCPD) staff member noticed that contact with a remote radio tower had been lost. When inspecting the room that houses all radio communications equipment for police, fire and 911 services, a major leak in the roof was discovered and the downpour was shorting out sensitive radio equipment. CCPD staff immediately diverted radio traffic to another tower and began securing over \$20 million dollars of city-wide radio communication equipment. The water was discovered entering the room through an air conditioning vent so KJAC, Inc. was called in to perform a hose test to determine if the HVAC was responsible for the leak. It was discovered the leak was due to the roof which is in excess of 25 years and had experienced previous failures. CCPD maintenance staff performed a temporary patch on the area Tuesday morning and contacted the City Capital Programs Department to assist with a permanent repair. Turner Ramirez Engineers was contacted and will be on location Wednesday morning with the City's Job Order Contractor, Barcom, to assess the situation and begin permanent repairs.

ACTIONS TAKEN:

1. Corpus Christi Police Department (CCPD) staff diverted the signal to another tower and secured the location by covering the equipment.
2. An HVAC company was called in to determine if the leave was due to mechanical equipment.
3. The Capital Program Department contacted Turner Ramirez Engineers and Barcom to evaluation the situation and begin permanent repairs.

FUTURE ACTIONS:

1. Corrective actions will be taken to permanently address the situation on a time and materials cost basis.

CONTRACT AUTHORITY:

The City Manager is authorized to approve contracts in excess of \$50,000 by Charter Art. X, Sec.2(a) in case of an emergency, but such action must be reported to the Council. Additionally, the Local Government Code 252.022(a) exempts this repair from State competitive bid requirements because it is necessary to:

1. preserve the property of the municipality;
2. preserve or protect the public health or safety of the municipality's residents; and
3. is due to unforeseen damage to public machinery, equipment or other property.

FUNDING:

The extent of the damage will not be known until the engineers have completed their evaluation of the situation. At this time the City is planning to use their approved Job Order Contracting (JOC) firm to provide the repairs. If they are unable to complete the repairs, the City will need to contract with another firm to complete the repairs in a timely manner and ensure the safety of the City's emergency radio safety communication equipment.