



## AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting February 24, 2026

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**Construction Contract Award**  
**Police Training Academy Generator**

**CAPTION:**

Motion awarding a construction contract to McDonald Municipal & Industrial, a division of C.F. McDonald Electric, Inc of Houston, Texas for the Police Training Academy Generator project for installation of a new 500-kilowatt natural gas generator in an amount up to \$547,966.00, located in Council District 5 with FY 2026 funding available from Facility Maintenance CIP and Facility Management and Maintenance operational funds.

**SUMMARY:**

This motion approves a construction contract for the installation of a new 500-kilowatt natural gas generator. This project includes an automatic transfer switch and commissioning testing to ensure full functionality upon installation. Located at the new Police Training Academy (6902 Yorktown Blvd, Corpus Christi, TX), the generator is designed to automatically activate during power outages using the existing natural gas supply.

**BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:**

The new Police Training Academy (Project No. 21086) was completed in December 2024 as a brand-new development totaling 33,956 SF. This facility was designed to meet the Corpus Christi Police Department’s immediate space requirements and long-term growth projections. The building features physical training rooms, a public lobby, classrooms, showers, and a quarter-mile running track, all of which demand significant electrical, mechanical, and plumbing infrastructure. The generator will be situated at the existing northwest mechanical yard.

As an "essential facility," the Police Training Academy is a critical hub during emergencies, serving as a shelter for people in the event of major storms and other weather events. The installation of a dedicated generator is intended to allow the building to continue functioning fully operational (lighting, HVAC Systems, medical equipment, refrigerators, freezers) during such weather events. Presently, the Academy lacks a dedicated emergency power source. The existing building has a manual transfer switch (MTS) to hook up the generator during a power outage. The MTS requires an external mobile generator to be brought on-site during a power outage if uninterrupted operation is required.

The generator was initially included in the scope of work for the Police Training Academy project but was subsequently descoped due to anticipated budgetary constraints. The Police Training Academy project generated \$500,000 in project savings upon completion. The project savings, in conjunction with Facility Maintenance operating funds, have been reallocated to the Police Training Academy Generator project. This project will install a 500-kilowatt natural gas generator, replace the MTS with an automatic transfer switch (ATS), and install a concrete foundation/pad for the generator.

**PROJECT TIMELINE:**

2025	2025 - 2026	2026 - 2027
April - September	October - February	March - May
Design	Bid/Award	Construction

The project schedule reflects an award in February 2026 with anticipated completion by May 2027.

**COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION PROCESS:**

On October 27, 2025, the Contracts and Procurement Department issued Request for Bids (RFB) Number 6839 for the Police Training Academy Generator. On December 3, 2025, the City received bids from six bidders. The City analyzed the bids in accordance with the contract documents and determined that McDonald Municipal & Industrial was the lowest and most responsible bidder.

A summary of all the bids is provided below.

	<b>Bidder</b>	<b>Base Bid</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>McDonald Municipal &amp; Industrial - A Division of C.F. McDonald Electric, Inc (Houston, TX)</b>	<b>\$547,966.00</b>
2	Bonco, LLC (Driscoll, TX)	\$560,600.00
3	TL Electric Inc. (Corpus Christi, TX)	\$602,396.00
4	Ready Power, L.L.C. (New Orleans, LA)	\$636,175.00
5	Texan Municipal and Industrial, LLC (Houston, TX)	\$637,631.00
	CRI Electric, Inc (San Antonio, TX)	\$758,933.00
	<b><i>Engineer's Opinion of Probable Construction Cost (OPCC)</i></b>	<b><i>\$684,000.00</i></b>

The OPCC was based on historical data from previous generator bids and current material costs in the local supply market. The bid amount was confirmed by contractor to the AE team.

McDonald Municipal & Industrial – A Division of C.F. McDonald Electric, Inc. construction team has more than 65 years of experience and has completed numerous projects in local municipalities, including two projects with the City of Corpus Christi.

Listed below are some of the projects McDonald Municipal & Industrial has done in the past:

- City of Corpus Christi, TX - Cefe Valenzuela Backup Generators: Installation of two 100kW generators to provide sufficient, reliable backup power to each of the two buildings at Cefe Valenzuela. - \$298,469.00
- City of Corpus Christi, TX - Central Kitchen Generator: Installation of a new 184KW natural gas generator and automatic transfer switch to supply the Del Mar Central Kitchen side of the existing building, in case of an emergency power loss - \$352,469.00
- City of Bay City, TX - Harvey Recovery Generators: Installation of four generators at four separate sites in the City of Bay City. The work included new electrical distribution equipment, concrete pads, and site work for a "turnkey" installation. - \$1.35M
- City of Pearland, TX - Recreation Center & Natatorium: Installation of a new 750KW natural gas generator at a large building for the City of Pearland to provide housing for the community during a natural disaster. The work included a new concrete pad and new electrical distribution equipment. - \$1.26M

**ALTERNATIVES:**

The alternative is not to award the construction contract to the responsive and responsible bidder, McDonald Municipal & Industrial. This would result in the Police Training Academy's systems being interrupted during power outages caused by weather or utility maintenance. Furthermore, the City would be forced to rent a mobile generator and connect it to the manual transfer switch—a process that is inefficient and introduces significant delays during emergencies.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The fiscal impact in FY 2026 is an amount not to exceed \$547,966.00, with funds available from the Facility Maintenance CIP and Facility Management and Maintenance operational funds.

**FUNDING DETAIL:**

Fund: **2022COFacMntCIP (Fund 3167)**  
Department: FacilitiesMnt (12)  
Organization: Grants & Capital Projects (89)  
Project: Police Training Academy Generator (Project No. 25075)  
Account: Construction (550910)  
Activity: 25075  
Amount: \$409,164.00

Fund: **Facility Management & Maint (Fund 5115)**  
Department: FacilitiesMnt (12)  
Organization: Facility Management & Maint (40300)  
Project: Police Training Academy Generator (Project No. 25075)  
Account: Construction (550910)  
Activity: 25075  
Amount: \$138,802.00

**Total: \$547,966.00**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommend awarding the construction contract for the Police Training Academy Generator to McDonald Municipal & Industrial in an amount not to exceed \$547,966.00, with an anticipated project completion date in May 2027.

**LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

Location & Vicinity Maps  
Bid Tab  
CIP Page  
PowerPoint