

AmericanBank CENTER

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May 11, 2016

Mr. Ron L. Olson, City Manager
1200 Leopard Street
Corpus Christi, TX 78403

Dear Mr. Olson:

The American Bank Center is in need of \$70,000.00 in additional Repair and Maintenance funds to repair and maintain the Arena's cooling system components.

In January, 2016, the Arena's Ice skid experienced a catastrophic failure. In order to preserve the remainder of the Icerays season and to provide ice for Disney on Ice, \$171,430.16 was spent to retrofit ice connections in the Arena and to install a temporary, rented chiller to make ice. After these measures, only \$10,722.42 remain in the Arena's Repair and Maintenance account for this fiscal year.

This month, Arena's Chiller No. 2 experienced an internal failure, rendering it unusable. A complete overhaul of Chiller No. 2 is required. The cost for this repair is estimated at \$70,000.00. This presents an emergency situation because Arena's Chiller No. 1 is now providing all the cooling for the building. However, there is no backup for Chiller 1. If Chiller 1 fails, there will be no cooling in the Arena and major parts of the Convention Center.

I respectfully request that you approve the additional funds so that the American Bank Center is able to provide for the comfort of our guests and staff. Thank you. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely,


Jim Salamenta
General Manager
American Bank Center--SMG