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Memo

Date: March 16, 2010

To: Mayor McAdams & Assembly

Thru: Jim Dinley, Administrator *JED*
Michael Harmon, Public Works Director *MH*
Dave Wolf, Finance Director *DW*

From: Mark Buggins, Environmental Superintendent *MB*

Subject: **Update - GAVAN WATER TANK RECOATING & CATHODIC PROTECTION, CIP #90667**

This is an update on the funding for the Gavan Water Tank Project. You may recall that the base bid for this project was awarded at the December 22, 2009 Assembly meeting with partial ARRA/ADWF 'stimulus' funds and funds from the water capital budget. At that time the total project costs were estimated to be \$531,000 and we were hopeful that we would be able to increase the portion of ARRA/ADWF 'stimulus' funding for this project. ARRA/ADWF 'stimulus' funding has 90% principal forgiveness so the Water Fund's portion of the loan principal is 10%.

We have been successful in increasing the ARRA/ADWF 'stimulus' loan amount. The loan amount was increased to \$617,000 to entirely cover the base bid, project management and inspection, contingency, and also to cover both the additive alternates which were originally not awarded. These alternates are: 1) a concrete curb around the tank circumference to protect against erosion and 2) a mural to help the tank blend into the surrounding background. The total available funds for this project are \$667,000.

Public Works plans to issue a change order to the contractor to include both additive alternates. Since this is an ARRA/ADWF 'stimulus' loan with 90% principal forgiveness, the Water Fund's portion of loan principal is projected to increase by \$8,600.

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ADMINISTRATION

Memo

To: Mayor and Assembly

From: Jim Dinley, Municipal Administrator 

Date: March 17, 2010

Re: Fire Department Grant

The Fire Department has received a grant for the installation of a new Civil Defense (Tsunami) Warning System. This grant has also been accepted and approved by this Assembly. This grant is for \$496,000, to be used for purchase and installation.

The Sitka Fire Department is asking the Assembly for approval to sole source purchase 11 new sirens for \$330,000, approximately \$30,000 per site. The remainder of the grant will be for batteries, utility poles, installation time, and equipment time for both the Electric Department and the Fire Department.

The State of Alaska Department of Homeland Security purchased the first of this new type of siren for the City and Borough of Sitka. This first siren cost approximately \$35,000 and another \$20,000 for the control hardware. The City was asked to provide the pole, labor, and miscellaneous installation supplies. The current grant will pay for supplying everything needed for a turnkey system.

The Fire Department would like to request a sole source procurement of the civil defense siren grant to Federal Signal Corporation for three reasons:

1. Existing equipment. Sitka currently owns and operates a single working siren that was installed by this vendor. This siren is controlled by a proprietary system that would become redundant and expensive to replicate for a different manufacturer's system.
2. Expertise and training on equipment. An employee with the City has been trained on installation and maintenance of this siren, and a new siren would require additional training for maintenance, additional costs for factory training on installation, and additional costs for spare parts.
3. Warning activation integrity. Currently operators have been trained on activation of this siren system. If we were to purchase a different siren system, there would be a loss of continuity for activation. Operators would have to learn how to activate two independent systems which could cause confusion and delay.