



REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

Agenda Date Requested: <u>August 26, 2024</u>
Requested By: <u>Johnny Morales, EMC</u>
Department: <u>Emergency Management</u>
<input type="radio"/> Report <input checked="" type="radio"/> Resolution <input type="radio"/> Ordinance

Appropriation	
Source of Funds:	<u>General Fund – EM0001</u>
Account Number:	<u>0156054-5101100</u>
Amount Budgeted:	<u>\$120,000.00</u>
Amount Requested:	<u>\$54,264.00</u>
Budgeted Item:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No

Exhibits: Quote for siren replacement, and siren coverage map.

SUMMARY & RECOMMENDATION

As a result of Hurricane Beryl, the siren tower at Canada & Carlow was knocked down by tropical storm-force winds. It will need to be replaced with a Modulator® High-Powered Speaker Array. The Modulator design enables the siren to produce a high sound level and intelligible voice communications. In addition, the controller has been designed to reproduce high-quality live or pre-recorded voice capability.

The siren was covered by insurance, but the percentage or amount to be reimbursed was still under assessment as of August 15. Emergency Management has funds for replacing the tower as part of future planning to replace all the sirens. A quote for installing and replacing the siren tower is attached. OmniWarn, our existing siren vendor who performs regular maintenance, issued the quote as an approved vendor of Federal Signal products.

The new siren tower and any future sirens will be installed with a galvanized steel pole to better withstand future wind events.

Pricing has been provided via The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS), a national purchasing cooperative that offers access to competitively procured purchasing contracts. If approved by the council, this project will be completed under contract number 220105 and verified by Purchasing.

STRATEGIC PLAN STRATEGY AND GOAL

Governance: The City of La Porte is governed in a transparent, efficient, accountable, and responsive manner on behalf of its citizens that actively promotes citizen involvement.

Organizational Excellence: The City of La Porte will operate in a transparent, efficient, accountable, and responsive manner by preparing the organization and the staff for the future, focusing on core services, attracting and retaining the best employees and wise stewardship of financial resources.

ACTION REQUIRED BY CITY COUNCIL

Approve the purchase and installation of a replacement Modulator® High-Powered Speaker Array in the amount of \$54,264.00 through The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS) under contract number 220105.

Approved for the City Council meeting agenda

Corby D. Alexander, City Manager

Date