Legislative Template

- What department or bureau is this bill originating from? Where did the initiative for the bill originate?

Public Works - Building Maintenance

- Summary and facts of the bill.

The cooling tower at City Hall is currently leaking and should be replaced before further damage occurs as a result of the leaking unit. It is a 1,000 gallon tank so if it fails it will cause much more damage as the water will seep into the building. This repair is on an emergency basis and we are asking it be treated as such and allow the repair under emergency procurement.

- Purpose – Please include the following in your explanation:
  a. What does the bill do? What are the specific goals or tasks the bill seeks to accomplish?

The purpose is replace the cooling tower at City Hall on an emergency procurement before more damage is done by the leaking unit.

  b. What are the benefits of doing this? What are the drawbacks?

It has already caused damage to the roof and if the repairs are not completed we pose a risk of the water from the 1,000 gallon tank breaking through and causing significant damage to City Hall. We can't tell you when the system and structure will fail, just that it will and when it does the consequences will be great.

By replacing the unit now, City Hall will have air conditioning prior to the

  c. How does this bill relate to the City's vision/mission/priorities?

The priority is replacing the unit on an emergency basis and making the repairs before more damage occurs.

- Financial Impact – Please include the following in your explanation:
  a. Cost (initial and ongoing)

The cost is two hundred ninety-nine thousand eight hundred dollars ($299,800.00)

  b. Benefits (initial and ongoing)

n/a

- Funding Sources – Please include the following in your explanation:
  a. If transferring funds, please make sure to give specific account names and numbers. If appropriating funds from a grant, please list the agency awarding the grant.

The funding sources are coming from the Capital account listed below (ADA Misc. Drainage Improvements) that has not been used since 2012 and can be closed after this transfer is completed and the contingency account. 001-03-1892-0401-64: $363.73 001-03-1892-1101-76: $2,129.26 001-03-1892-1812-76: $26,826.99

- Priority status – Are there any deadlines to be aware of?

This is on an emergency and should be treated as such.

- Why should Council unanimously support this bill?

For the reasons stated, an emergency replacement of the chiller is requested.

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