


City Council Regular Meeting

DEPARTMENT: Public Works
FROM: Justin Scharnhorst, Deputy Director
MEETING: May 18, 2026

SUBJECT:

Consider and take possible action on a contract with McDonald Municipal & Industrial for the purchase and installation of two replacement standby generators (RFP 2026-012) in the amount of \$333,730 with a 5% contingency for total authorization of \$350,417. *(Staff Contact: Justin Scharnhorst, Deputy Director of Public Works)*

STRATEGIC PRIORITY AND GOAL(S):

Strategic Focus Area 1	Strategic Goal
 <p>High Performing City Organization Providing Exceptional, People Focused Services</p>	<p>1.2 Continue to improve the efficiency and productivity of operations</p> <p>1.3 Deliver high-quality service and communications to external and internal customers</p> <p>2.3 Enhance connectivity and improve mobility</p>

SUMMARY:

Staff is requesting approval to enter into a contract with McDonald Municipal & Industrial in the amount of \$333,730 for the purchase and replacement of two standby generators, one at City Hall and one at the Municipal Service Center. The existing generators, installed in 1996 and 2003 respectively, are eligible for replacement under the City’s Equipment Replacement Policy based on age and service life considerations.

Both generators serve facilities that support critical City operations. City Hall and the Municipal Service Center are integral to daily administrative and operational functions, and standby power is necessary to maintain continuity of these services during utility outages. Replacing these units is consistent with City policy and supports the ongoing reliability and performance of essential infrastructure.

The proposed replacements include Taylor Power Systems units powered by Perkins engines, a subsidiary of Caterpillar, along with ASCO automatic transfer switches. Both locations will also include docking stations to allow for the connection of temporary generators, providing additional redundancy and operational flexibility during maintenance or extended outage scenarios.

McDonald Municipal & Industrial, founded in 1956 and headquartered in Houston, Texas, employs approximately 179 personnel and has installed more than 750 standby generators over the past 30 years. Their experience includes projects for entities such as the Trinity River Authority, City of Fort Worth, Port of Houston, and City of Edinburg.

Approval of this contract will allow for the timely replacement of aging equipment and help ensure continued operational continuity for critical City functions. This item will also be included in May 18th, 2026, budget amendment, as project funding was not previously encumbered due largely to the scope of work and project specifications not being fully developed and processed through procurement prior to October 1, 2025.

PROCUREMENT METHOD: Competitive Solicitation

This contract was procured through a Request for Proposals in accordance with Texas Local Government Code Chapter 252. Solicitation No. RFP 2026-012 was advertised on January 24th, and January 30th and posted on the City's electronic bidding platform, Bonfire, from January 24th to February 24th. The opportunity was distributed to 227 vendors under 3 applicable commodity codes, and the City received 3 responses. Proposals were evaluated in accordance with the published criteria, and McDonald Municipal & Industrial - A Division of C.F. McDonald Electric, Inc. was determined to provide the best value to the City.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval as presented.

PRIOR ACTION/INPUT (Council, Boards, Citizens):

June 21, 2025 Budget Amendment

REFERENCE:

CSO#5865-07-2025

FISCAL IMPACT:

Proposed Expenditure/Revenue: \$175,209
Account Number(s): 6021302-71001
Fund: ERF Governmental Fund
Account Description: ERF Equipment

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Account Number(s): 6031302-71001

Fund: ERF Proprietary Fund
Account Description: ERF Equipment

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