



CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE COMMUNICATION

MEETING DATE: 08/18/2026

PRESENTER: Ray Cerda, Director of Parks, Arts and Recreation

TITLE: Ratify the purchase, replacement and installation of fire panel at the Summit from Pye-Barker Fire & Safety, LLC in the amount of \$131,113.00 through a TIPS cooperative purchasing contract

REVIEWING COMMITTEE: (Reviewed by the Finance and Government Committee on 08/04/2026)

SUMMARY:

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
Pye-Barker Fire & Safety, LLC	\$131,113.00

PURPOSE OF REQUEST:

The replacement of the fire alarm control panel at The Summit was authorized and initiated prior to formal City Council approval due to the emergency nature of the situation and the immediate life safety concerns associated with the failing system. The Summit primarily serves the City's senior population, making the timely restoration of a fully functioning fire alarm system critical to protecting members, staff, and visitors.

The existing fire alarm system, which has been in service for approximately 17 years, has exceeded its expected useful life. According to Pye-Barker Fire & Safety, LLC, the system is experiencing repeated false ("ghost") alarms that indicate an overall failure of the equipment. As a result, the system has been silenced to eliminate the daily nuisance alarms affecting building operations. Additionally, the existing fire alarm control panel is no longer manufactured, making replacement parts extremely difficult, and in some cases impossible, to obtain.

If the system were to experience a complete failure before replacement, The Summit would be required to implement a 24-hour fire watch. This would require City staff to remain on-site around the clock and continuously patrol the interior of the facility to monitor signs of fire until a functioning fire alarm system could be restored.

The purchase is authorized under Chapter 271.102 of the Texas Local Government Code, which permits local governments to participate in cooperative purchasing programs in lieu of conducting a separate competitive bidding process. The City of Grand Prairie has maintained a master interlocal cooperative purchasing agreement with TIPS (The Interlocal Purchasing System), originally approved by the City Council in 2008. Accordingly, this purchase was made through the TIPS cooperative purchasing program,

contract #24020301, expiration date 04-30-2027. In addition, this purchase is also authorized under Chapter 252.022(a)(1) and (2) as an emergency purchase made to preserve the property of the City and as a procurement necessary to preserve or protect the public health or safety of the City's residents.

PROCUREMENT DETAILS:

Procurement Method: ☒ Cooperative/Interlocal

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:

Budgeted?	☒	Fund Name: Parks	Park Venue Fund
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