

CITY OF RICHLAND CENTER

AGENDA ITEM DATA SHEET

Agenda Item: Request for Additional Funding for Municipal Building Generator

Requested & Presented by: Ashley Oliphant

Meeting Date: Finance Committee and Common Council on July 1, 2025

Background: On June 4, 2025, Electric Superintendent Gald requested the City jointly purchase a generator with City Utilities. At that time, the Municipal Building had one generator serving only the Police Department. The purchase of a new generator would ensure the entire building would have a secondary power source in the event of an outage. Superintendent Gald obtained estimates from Miller Electric and Wallace Electric ranging from \$19,732.95 to \$50,122.72. The Common Council approved the purchase and installation of a Kohler generator from Wallace Electric, the lowest bidder.

Following the completed installation in June 2025, Wallace Electric notified Mayor Coppernoll of additional costs and requested additional payment. It was reported that upon consultation with the Building Inspector, a larger unit than previously believed was necessary. This change was the primary cause of additional costs. It was also verified that this change was not communicated to City or Utility personnel and no authorizations were provided to Wallace Electric allowing the additional expenditure.

Approved Expenditure: \$19,732.95 (City's portion \$9,866.47)

Actual Cost: \$27,900.00 (including \$1,500 credit for the purchase of the old RCPD generator)

Amount Paid to Date: \$15,000 jointly between the City and Utility

Remaining Balance: \$12,900 (City's portion of \$6,450)

Department Request: Authorize the additional expenditure of \$6,450

Financial Impact: \$6,450 unbudgeted expenditure

Funding Source(s): Unallocated Contingency 10-59100-390

Requested Action:

Finance Committee: Motion to recommend to the Common Council to approve the additional expenditure of \$6,450 for the purchase and installation of a generator for the Municipal Building.

Council: Motion to approve the additional expenditure of \$6,450 for the purchase and installation of a generator for the Municipal Building.

Attachments: Original Estimate from April 2024, Invoice from June 2025, All Estimates Recieved