

Corporate Report

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REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: Mayor & Council DATE: July 14, 2005
FROM: General Manager, Planning and Development FILE: 0800-20 (City Hall)
SUBJECT: Expansion to and Renovation of City Hall

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council:

1. Receive this report as information; and
2. Authorize additional expenditure authority to a maximum of \$975,000 for the contract related to expanding and renovating City Hall.

BACKGROUND

In February of 2005, in accordance with staff's recommendation, Council awarded a contract to Ledcor Construction for the renovation of and expansion to City Hall, with the value of the contract being \$8,738,220. Construction of the project is now well underway.

DISCUSSION

As the renovation component of the project has proceeded, some additional items have been identified that should be implemented as part of the project, since undertaking such work at this time will minimize future disruption to on-going operations at City Hall. The items include the installation of cable trays in the ceiling space, the installation of a larger emergency generator that will allow computer equipment to operate more reliably during power outages and the creation of new satellite IT spaces on different floors of City Hall. These additions will enhance IT flexibility and system reliability at City Hall. Such improvements will also make future changes to the IT infrastructure in City Hall less difficult to implement. Other maintenance items include installation of new ceiling tiles, energy efficient lighting components and additional items, such as millwork, painting, carpet replacement, etc.

In accordance with purchasing policy, Council authority is required to add expenditure authority to any contract when the additions in total exceed staff expenditure authority.

The above-referenced items, totalling \$975,000, will be funded from different sources within the City's approved 2005 Budget, including the Information Technology Capital Infrastructure budget, the Corporate Facilities Maintenance budget and a contingency that had been included in the City Hall Renovation and Expansion project budget.

CONCLUSION

Based on the above discussion, it is recommended that Council authorize additional expenditure authority, to a maximum of \$975,000, for the contract related to expanding and renovating City Hall.

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