COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
JULY 31, 2014 @ 12:00 PM
CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM

AGENDA

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL
Mayor James Kacsh, Council members Kristin Carpenter, Tim Joyce, Tom Bailer, Bret Bradford, EJ Cheshier, David Reggiani and James Burton

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
………………………………………………………. (voice vote)

D. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

E. COMMUNICATIONS BY AND PETITIONS FROM VISITORS
1. Audience Comments regarding agenda items

F. NEW BUSINESS
2. Resolution 07-14-30……………………………………………………..…………. (voice vote)(page 1)
   A resolution of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, authorizing City Manager Randy Robertson to enter into a sole source contract with federal signal for the purpose of acquiring tsunami sirens for the City of Cordova

G. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

H. COUNCIL COMMENTS

I. ADJOURNMENT

Executive Sessions: Subjects which may be discussed are: (1) Matters the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the government; (2) Subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person; provided that the person may request a public discussion; (3) Matters which by law, municipal charter or code are required to be confidential; (4) Matters involving consideration of governmental records that by law are not subject to public disclosure.

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July 30, 2014

Mayor Jim Kasch  
City Council  
City Manager Randy Robertson.

This memo is to inform that the State of Alaska Homeland Security has asked the City of Cordova if there is a need for additional Tsunami Sirens for our community. The State has offered to purchase two Tsunami Sirens and associated equipment for the City Of Cordova, but the monies must be spent by Thursday July 31st with a Sole Source Contract with the company Federal Signal. This is the company that the city has already purchase our existing Tsunami Siren connected through our Police Dispatch Center.

The City of Cordova utilizes the Federal Signal Commander Software to activate the existing siren assembly that we currently have near the Harbor Master’s office. This coupled with our Encoder will allow continued activation of the new Eclipse8 Mechanical Sirens that we are currently are utilizing at Police Department.

Here is a synopsis of what we currently have.

The Federal Commander Digital System is SmartMsg-enabled. This system is unmatched in its features and ease of use. The Federal Commander Digital System offers emergency management directors and system operator’s complete, secure activation and status monitoring of any siren system. Federal Commander consists of the SS2000+ encoder, the SFCDWARE package, digital Siren Controllers, and optional SmartMsg software. Designed with Federal’s modular philosophy. The system can grow to accommodate changing community needs. From one CCU (computer) and one RTU (remote terminal unit), the system can expand to include more than 250 RTUs, 16 zones, and digital tone alert receivers. As a SmartMsg-enabled software application, Federal Commander can now allow operators and administrators a single application for managing their critical communications to both first responders and citizens. Federal Commander can be used to activate sirens and send text and voice messages to any FS electronic devices, anywhere, and at any time.

Due to time constraints for this Grant Period, the Sole Source must be passed this Wednesday July 30, 2014 to receive the equipment under this grant Period.

Sincerely,

Paul Trumblee  
City Fire Marshal
WHEREAS, the Alaska Department of Homeland Security, under the 2013 Tsunami Sirens Grant for Equipment Only, award the City of Cordova a $41,557 grant with a 0% match for the purpose of purchasing two (2) Federal Signal Eclipse8 manual Tsunami Sirens; and

WHEREAS, Federal Signal has extensive experience working with the City of Cordova and Police Dispatch Center and as well as the State of Alaska Division of Homeland Security, and possesses all the equipment to fulfill the grant requirements; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cordova now exclusively uses Federal Signal equipment and software for all mounted sirens in its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, this system coupled with our Encoder will allow continued activation of the new Eclipse8 Mechanical Sirens; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Commander Digital System is unmatched in its features and ease of use. The system offers emergency management directors and system operator’s complete, secure activation and status monitoring of any siren system; and

WHEREAS, no equipment will need to be purchased or installed by additional companies to make our system compatible with other sirens, and no additional training will be needed for compatibility with-in our system.

WHEREAS, section 5.12.150 provides for sole source procurements for professional services the Council by resolution determines to procure without formal competition.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska hereby authorizes the City manager to enter into a sole source contract with Federal Signal for purchasing 2 Eclipse 8 tsunami sirens and associated equipment and materials for the City of Cordova in an amount not to exceed $41,557.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 31st DAY OF JULY, 2014.

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James Kacsh, Mayor

Attest:

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Susan Bourgeois, CMC, City Clerk