

Council Meeting of  
June 26, 2007

Honorable Mayor and Members  
of the Torrance City Council  
City Hall  
Torrance, California

**Members of the Council:**

**SUBJECT: General Services – Authorize repairs to four (4) underground fuel tank monitoring systems. Expenditure: \$32,990.00**

**RECOMMENDATION**

The General Services Director recommends that the City Council authorize payment to Encon Technologies, Inc. of Santa Fe Springs, California for repairs to four (4) underground fuel tank monitoring systems at the City Services Facility, in an amount not to exceed \$32,990.00.

**FUNDING**

Funding is available in the FY 2006-07 Fleet Services and Hazardous Waste Program Operating Budgets.

**BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS**

The underground fuel tanks at the City Yard had been experiencing frequent false alarms in the system designed to detect leaks into or out of the fuel tanks. These are double-wall tanks with a brine solution between the walls. Testing of the tank systems confirmed that there are no leaks; however, discussions with tank consultants recommended installing external brine reservoirs at each tank to prevent false alarms.

On June 1, 2007 the City issued a Purchase Order in the amount of \$19,790.00 to Encon Technologies, Inc. of Santa Fe Springs for modification to the leak detection systems of the four (4) 20,000 gallon underground fuel storage tanks at the City Services Facility. During the project it was discovered that the repairs could not be accomplished without exposing and excavating a much larger area above the tanks than had originally been estimated. These unforeseen changes to the scope of work added \$13,200 to the project costs, for a total of \$32,990.

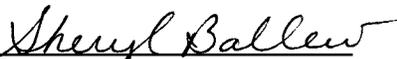
In the interest of ensuring the leak detection monitoring system return to service as quickly as possible, the City Manager provided initial authorization for Encon

Technologies, Inc. to proceed with repairs. Staff now requests that Council provide formal approval for the expense resulting from these repairs.

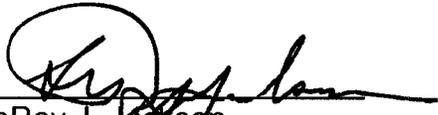
Section 22.3.12 of the Torrance Municipal Code, EMERGENCIES, states; "Notwithstanding any other provision of this Article, where the City Manager determines that an emergency exists (other than where a disaster type of emergency has been proclaimed or exists as provided in Section 16.2.7), he may purchase such property or services as, in his opinion, are required for the preservation of the health, safety or welfare of the residents of the City or for the protection of property therein. The City Manager will report such emergency purchases to the City Council at the next regular or adjourned regular Council meeting."

Respectfully submitted,

SHERYL BALLEW  
General Services Director

  
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Sheryl Ballew  
General Services Director

CONCUR:

  
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LeRoy J. Jackson  
City Manager