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To: City Commission

From: Jim Scholl, City Manager

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Reference: **Declaration of Emergency to Purchase 350kW Replacement Generator for the City of Key West Police Department.**

Pursuant to Sec. 2-797 (2) and Sec. 2-797 (4) of the City of Key West City Ordinances, the City of Key West City Manager hereby declares an emergency in the best interest of the City for the purchase of a Caterpillar 350 kW 3-phase Diesel replacement generator from Ring Power to provide a safe environment and protect the City of Key West from liability. This procurement will be ratified by the city commission at the next scheduled city commission meeting.

**Background:**

The current generator for the City of Key West Police department is down. The Police Department must have power even in the event of a power outage or storm event.

The City has had an evaluation done to determine what repairs if any can be made. The service company has still not been able to find all the parts that would be needed to complete a repair and they are the proprietary dealer for those parts. The Police Department is currently using a rental generator which costs around \$10k a month.

*Key to the Caribbean – Average yearly temperature 77° F.*

The repair of the generator would be expensive, if the parts are ever able to be located. Due to an expensive repair that might not be possible and \$10k a month being charged in the meantime the purchase of a new generator appears to be the best option for the City. Purchasing and installing the generator quickly is important to avoid the monthly rental charges.

The City obtained 3 quotes for replacement generators and the lowest is \$72,738 from Ring Power. The Community Services Department will be doing the installation of the new generator, which will save a considerable amount of money by not using an outside contractor. The money for the generator purchase will be from the City Manager's contingency fund.

Sincerely,



Jim Scholl  
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