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City of West Allis Matter Summary

7525 W. Greenfield Ave.
West Allis, WI 53214

File Number	Title	Status
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2010-0022 Communication Introduced

Communication from Director of Public Works/City Engineer regarding purchasing an emergency generator for the 97th Street water reservoir.

Introduced: 1/5/2010

Controlling Body: Public Works Committee
Administration & Finance Cmmt

Sponsor(s): Public Works Committee

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

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ACTION DATE:	MOVER	SECONDER		AYE	NO	PRESENT	EXCUSED
<u>JAN - 5 2010</u>			Barczak	✓			
			Czaplewski	✓			
		X	Kopplin		X		
			Lajsic		X		
			Narlock		X		
			Reinke		X		
		✓	Roadt	✓			
			Sengstock	✓	X		
			Vitale				
			Weigel	✓			

TOTAL 5-4-0-0

SIGNATURE OF COMMITTEE MEMBER

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Chair Vice-Chair Member

COMMON COUNCIL ACTION

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Memorandum

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TO: Administration & Finance Committee and Board of Public Works

FROM: Michael Lewis, Director of Public Works/City Engineer

DATE: January 5, 2010

RE: **Communication from City Engineer Regarding Purchasing an
Emergency Generator for the 97th Street Water Reservoir**

As everyone knows, Gordy Paprocki does an excellent job getting used equipment/vehicles for the City at great prices. Gordy recently found an emergency generator that could be used at the 97th Street Water Reservoir through the Wisconsin Division of Federal Properties for about \$30,000. Similar generators could cost up to \$500,000 according to information from the Internet.

At this price, it's going to go fast. We currently use a portable generator, much smaller in size, and have to manually plug it in. The proposed generator would be stand-alone and have switchgear to automatically turn on when the power goes out. Considering that most City buildings have stand alone generators, it seems to me that installing the same thing at our water reservoir affords us additional "insurance" if something major happens.

This all came up fast late last week. The generator is on it way up from Alabama to Kenosha and we don't know how long it will be available. There are still some internal issues that have to be worked through. We wouldn't be pursuing this if we were talking about \$500,000. But at \$30,000 for the generator and even if installation is another \$20,000 (this is high since a lot of work would be done by our crews), for \$50,000 to get a generator of sufficient size for the water reservoir is an idea worth pursuing.

If for whatever reason it won't work (and I am still working through the details), we won't buy it. But I hate to miss a chance and we might not have that chance if we wait another 2 weeks until the next Council meeting.

CC: Mayor Dan Devine
Paul Ziehler, CAO

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "M. Lewis", written over a white background.