



TO: Honorable Mayor & Members
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Lee Feldman, City Manager

DATE: November 20, 2012

TITLE: Motion to approve proprietary purchase for parts, supplies and communication services for Digital parking meters - \$163,040.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve proprietary purchase of \$90,000 for parts and components; \$50,000 for supplies (receipt paper); \$23,040 for EMS communications service, from Digital Payment Technologies, Inc., Burnaby, B.C., in the total estimated annual amount of \$163,040.

Background

Parking Services has 64 Digital multi-space meters in service. These meters generate about \$2.5 million in revenue annually. The meters, purchased via the City's competitive bid system, were selected largely for their feature-rich electronics such as point-of-sale credit card authorization, automated alerts and warnings for meter malfunction or low-on-paper conditions, collection data that is relayed back to administration for reporting and monitoring, and electronic security measures such as tracking of who opens meter housing doors and when it happened. This "EMS" communication service costs \$30 per month per meter, not including the cellular data service required for transmission. Meters have a life-cycle of approximately 7 years.

Parts have a one-year guarantee and are kept in stock for daily use and ordered on an as-needed basis throughout the year. Because of the complex electronics and the necessity for parts and components to be 100% compatible with the other components and machine software, the manufacturer's service/maintenance warranties require that parts used are manufactured by them. Digital's receipt paper has a proprietary end-of-roll indicator that is part of the automated maintenance alerts that assist with timely refills. In fact, aftermarket parts are rare because all meter manufacturers have similar requirements.

Resource Impact

There is a fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$163,040

FUNDS AVAILABILITY LOCATION:

FISCAL YEAR	FUND	SUB FUND	FUND NAME	INDEX #	INDEX NAME	SUB OBJECT #	SUBOBJECT NAME	AMOUNT
2013	461	01	Parking Services	TAM020201	Parking-OnStreet Meters	3404	Parts/Components	50,000.00
2013	461	01	Parking Services	TAM020301	Parking-Lots	3404	Parts/Components	30,000.00
2013	461	01	Parking Services	TAM020401	Parking-City Park Garage	3404	Parts/Components	10,000.00
2013	461	01	Parking Services	TAM020201	Parking-OnStreet Meters	3299	Other Services	16,560.00
2013	461	01	Parking Services	TAM020301	Parking-Lots	3299	Other Services	2,160.00
2013	461	01	Parking Services	TAM020401	Parking-City Park Garage	3299	Other Services	4,320.00
2013	461	01	Parking Services	TAM020201	Parking-OnStreet Meters	3999	Other Supplies	10,000.00
2013	461	01	Parking Services	TAM020301	Parking-Lots	3999	Other Supplies	15,000.00
2013	461	01	Parking Services	TAM020401	Parking-City Park Garage	3999	Other Supplies	25,000.00
TOTAL								163,040.00

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