



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING**

#21-0746

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: August 17, 2021

TITLE: Motion Approving an Increase in Funds for Fire Alerting System - Keylite Power and Lighting Corp. and US Digital Designs, Inc. in the Amount of \$320,000 – **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve additional funding for Fire Alerting System with Keylite Power and Lighting Corp. (“Keylite”) and US Digital Designs, Inc. (“USDD”) in the estimated amount of \$320,000.

Background

In August 2018, the City entered into a Proprietary Service Agreement with Keylite and USDD to provide maintenance and repair services to support the Fire Alerting System (“FAS”) which is a mission-critical system for Fire Rescue. In addition, the FAS is a key criterion in Fire Rescue’s operations in its ability to effectively respond to emergency calls and an integral component of Fire Rescue’s International Organization of Standardization Class 1 rating. The Information Technology Services Department (ITS) is responsible for management and support of the FAS. In performing those duties, they utilize Keylite services to augment overall support of the system. The annual expenditure for this item has been under \$100,000 per year.

ITS is facing vacancy challenges of two highly technical positions due to recent retirements. ITS is actively recruiting to fill these vacancies; however, in the meantime, staff is seeking to augment some of these technical services by utilizing contractual services already in place.

An increase in funds to the existing contract is being proposed to fulfill the needed technical services. ITS anticipates an annual expenditure of \$320,000 per year for described services. The additional \$220,000 will ensure services are maintained while vacancies are recruited and fulfilled.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action in FY 2021. All additional funds are contingent upon the approval and appropriation of the FY2022 budget.

Strategic Connections

This item is a *2021 Commission Priority*, advancing the Safety initiative.

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024* Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Internal Support Focus Area
- Goal 8. Build a leading government organization that manages all resources wisely and sustainably
- Objective. Provide a reliable and progressive technology infrastructure

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035* Vision Plan: We Are United.

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – Keylite Agreement

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