



CITY OF TYLER CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

Agenda Number: O-2

Date: February 28, 2007

Subject: Request that the City Council consider authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Emergency Communications Network, Inc. to provide CodeRED® emergency telephone calling system services at a cost of \$30,000 per year, and adopting an Ordinance to amend the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 annual budget to provide funding for said purpose.

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The CodeRED™ Emergency Telephone Calling System is an extremely high-speed telephone communication service available for emergency notifications. CodeRED™ employs a one-of-a-kind Internet mapping capability for geographic targeting of calls, coupled with a high speed telephone calling system capable of delivering customized pre-recorded emergency messages directly to homes and businesses at the rate of up to 60,000 calls per hour. CodeRED™ subscribers control their emergency broadcasts from anywhere in the world via a secure Internet Portal. CodeRED™ offers an unprecedented level of security, performance, and ease-of-use for government agencies, communities, and businesses.

CodeRED® is a service of Emergency Communications Network, Inc (ECN). ECN is a Florida-based organization that specializes in providing high-speed emergency communication services to governmental agencies, businesses, and private individuals.

Examples of Situation in which CodeRED® May be Used:

- Water Breaks
- Major Scheduled Utility Repairs
- Chemical Spills
- Gas Leaks
- Flooding
- Missing Children/Elderly
- Criminal Alert
- Street Closings
- Rescheduled Garbage Service
- Street Sweeping Scheduling

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RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with Emergency Communications Network, Inc. to provide CodeRED® emergency telephone calling system services at a cost of \$30,000 per year, and adopt an Ordinance to amend the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 annual budget to provide funding for this new system.

**Drafted/Recommended By:
Department Leader**

**Edited/Submitted By:
City Manager**

ORDINANCE NO. 0-2007-24

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TYLER, TEXAS, AMENDING THE 2006-2007 BUDGET TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR A CONTRACT WITH EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK, INC. TO PROVIDE CODERED® EMERGENCY TELEPHONE CALLING SYSTEM SERVICES; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the CodeRED™ Emergency Telephone Calling System is an extremely high-speed telephone communication service available for emergency notifications; and

WHEREAS, CodeRED™ employs a one-of-a-kind Internet mapping capability for geographic targeting of calls, coupled with a high speed telephone calling system capable of delivering customized pre-recorded emergency messages directly to homes and businesses, live individuals and answering machines, at the rate of up to 60,000 calls per hour; and

WHEREAS, CodeRED® is a service of Emergency Communications Network, Inc (ECN), a Florida-based organization that specializes in providing high-speed emergency communication services to governmental agencies, businesses, and private individuals through CodeRED®; AND

WHEREAS, it is recommended that the City Council authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with Emergency Communications Network, Inc. to provide CodeRED® emergency telephone calling system services at a cost of \$30,000 per year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TYLER, TEXAS:

PART 1: That the following line item accounts as approved in the budget for fiscal year 2006/2007 shall be amended to read as follows:

DEPARTMENT NAME	ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT NAME	BUDGETED AMOUNT	REQUESTED INCREASE	REQUESTED DECREASE	BUDGET AS AMENDED
		Unreserved Fund Balance	\$306,292		\$30,000	\$276,292
Info Tech	671-0150-416-2625	Technology Fund	392,340	\$30,000		\$422,340

PART 2: That the City Clerk is hereby directed to file a copy of this budget amendment as required by state law.

PART 3: That amendment of the budget at this time for the CodeRED® emergency telephone calling system services creates an urgent public necessity to authorize the amendment to the budget herein contained.

PART 4: That this ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 28th day of February, 2007.

JOSEPH O. SEEBER, MAYOR
OF THE CITY OF TYLER, TEXAS

A T T E S T :

APPROVED:

CITY CLERK

CITY ATTORNEY