



## Recommendation for Action

**File #: 22-2285, Agenda Item #: 29.**

7/28/2022

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### **Posting Language**

Ratify a contract with Clarke Kent Plumbing, Inc. for emergency fire main repairs at Decker Power Plant, in the amount of \$80,600.

(Note: This contract is exempt from the City Code Chapter 2-9C Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established).

### **Lead Department**

Financial Services Department.

### **Client Department(s)**

Austin Energy.

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding was available in the Capital Budget of Austin Energy.

### **Purchasing Language:**

Ratification.

### **For More Information:**

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### **Additional Backup Information:**

In November of 2021, Austin Energy staff discovered a fire main leak around the gas pump area of Decker Power Plant. A prior fire main leak in this area caused sink holes so this discovery was a major safety concern as sink hole development would create a dangerous driving environment for Austin Energy, the Austin Police Department, and the Austin Fire Department staff driving City vehicles to utilize the gas pumps on a daily basis. The leak had the potential of reducing water pressure and thereby decreasing fire protection to the power plant, posing another major safety concern.

Due to these safety risks, Austin Energy quickly brought in a contractor to excavate, assess, and make repairs. The section of the fire main was shut off to reduce the risk of sink holes, and the contractor immediately performed a temporary patch job to bring water back to the power plant and ensure it was fire safe. The contractor completed final repairs in March of 2022 due to pandemic-induced supply chain disruptions in securing parts and equipment.

### **Strategic Outcome(s):**

Health and Environment, Safety.