



# City of Grand Island

Tuesday, June 11, 2002

Council Session

## Item G26

### **#2002-168 - Approving Purchase of Additional Weather Radios Through Project Impact Program**

*At the City Council meeting of March 26, 2002, the Council adopted Resolution #2002-88, providing for the purchase of up to 3,500 weather radios from Weather or Not, Inc., of Shawnee, Kansas. The City's purchase price for the radios was \$67 per unit for the first 1,000 units and \$66 per unit for the additional 2,500 units. Consumers can purchase the radios for \$15. The remaining costs are paid through the City's Project Impact program with grant funding provided by the Federal Emergency Management Act (FEMA) and matching dollars by the City. The purpose of the federal Project Impact funding is to assist in disaster mitigation efforts.*

*The community's response to purchasing weather radios has been overwhelming. As of June 1, 2002, over 2,700 units had been purchased and orders keep coming in! The weather radio program included marketing these radios to schools, nursing homes, day cares, and other entities where large groups congregate. Because the marketing has not been completed, we anticipate that more than the originally ordered 3,500 units will be required to meet the needs of the community. Weather or Not has agreed to hold the purchase price at \$66 for an additional 1,000 units. It is recommended that an additional 1,000 weather radio units be purchased from Weather or Not, Inc., Shawnee, Kansas, for a price of \$66 per unit.*

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RESOLUTION 2002-168

WHEREAS, on March 26, 2002, by Resolution 2002-88, the City of Grand Island approved the purchase of up to 3,500 weather radios from Weather or Not, Inc. of Shawnee, Kansas at a price of \$67 per unit for the first 1,000 units, and \$66 per unit for the additional 2,500 units; and

WHEREAS, the radios are available to the public at a cost of \$15 per unit through the City's Project Impact program and the receipt of grant funding through the Federal Emergency Management Act (FEMA) and matching dollars by the City; and

WHEREAS, due to the demand for the weather radios, it is anticipated that additional weather radios will be necessary to meet the demand; and

WHEREAS, Weather or Not, Inc. has agreed to hold the purchase price at \$66 for an additional 1,000 units.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that approval is hereby granted for an additional 1,000 weather radios at a cost of \$66 per unit for resale at \$15 per unit.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska on June 11, 2002.

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RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form ? _____ June 6, 2002                      ? City Attorney
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