

City of Alexandria, Virginia

M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: APRIL 14, 2010

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: JAMES K. HARTMANN, CITY MANAGER 

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF DESIGNATION OF CITY MANAGER AS THE CITY'S AGENT AND AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT APPLICATION TO THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY FOR THE DECEMBER 2009 SNOW STORM

ISSUE: City Council consideration of designation of the City Manager as the City's Agent and authorization to submit an application for reimbursement to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the December 2009 snow storm.

RECOMMENDATION: That City Council:

- (1) Designate James K. Hartmann, City Manager, as the designated agent on behalf of the City for the purpose of filing application with federal agencies;
- (2) Authorize the City Manager to sign the FEMA Application for Federal Assistance for the December 2009 snow storm; and
- (3) Authorize the City Manager to execute all the necessary documents that may be required.

BACKGROUND: The City experienced a record amount of snow from December 18 through December 20, 2009. On February 16, 2010 the President declared a major disaster for a severe winter storm and a snow storm. The City incurred significant costs to provide emergency protective measures including snow clearance, as well as other costs associated with this storm.

DISCUSSION: City staff has been actively involved with the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) and FEMA to develop and prepare project worksheets for the eligible costs associated with the City's response to the storm.

FISCAL IMPACT: The City will receive reimbursement for 88 percent of the total eligible expenses, of which FEMA covers 75 percent and VDEM covers 13 percent.

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