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FACILITIES PROJECT TO SAVE THE CITY \$1.5 MILLION

TEMPLE TERRACE, FL. – (4/15/16) – A comprehensive facilities improvement project starting this month will save the City nearly \$1.5-million in energy savings and operational costs over the next 15 years, officials said this week.

During the past 18 months, the City has been working with ABM, a leading provider of facility solutions, to identify infrastructure needs, equipment failures and energy deficiencies at eight government facilities. ABM was able to develop an extensive plan to improve energy efficiency, reduce carbon emissions and boost operational savings by upgrading HVAC equipment, installing LED lighting, replacing windows and more.

Working with City staff, ABM crafted a financial program that will provide \$3-million in infrastructure improvements. The program utilizes Community Investment Tax dollars, which means no additional money will come from taxpayers' pockets. Operational savings gained from reduced maintenance, emergency repair and replacement costs will amount to more than \$100,000 per year. Moreover, the resulting energy savings will save the City another \$95,000 per year, said ABM Senior Vice President Dan Klein.

And, the savings are guaranteed, Klein said. ABM will monitor the program continually during the next 15 years to ensure savings projections are met. If shortfalls occur, he said, ABM will pay the difference to the City.

“Temple Terrace has always prided itself on being a green city, looking for ways to protect the environment and promote energy efficiency. This project will go a long way toward making our facilities sound and sustainable,” said City Manager Charles W. Stephenson.

Highlights of the program include:

- * Installing 45 new HVAC units, which equates to 240 tons of cooling capacity
- * Upgrading 1,600 lights with energy-efficient, long-lasting LED lighting
- * Replacing City Hall windows with impact-resistant, energy-efficient windows

The City's facilities improvement project is expected to be completed in October.