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Bernard F. Lynch
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TO: Mayor Edward Caulfield
And
Members of the Lowell City Council

FROM: Bernard F. Lynch, City Manager 

DATE: May 7, 2009

SUBJECT: **MOTION OF 4/28/09 BY COUNCILOR ELLIOTT**
"REQUEST THE CITY MANAGER UPDATE THE COUNCIL
ON THE STATUS OF THE NEW E-911 CENTER IN THE
POLICE GARAGE".


In regards to the above mentioned motion I have attached a report from Assistant City Manager / DPW Commissioner T.J. McCarthy. As you will note the project is moving ahead on schedule and under budget.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you.

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TO: Bernie Lynch, City Manager

FROM: TJ McCarthy, Asst. City Manager 

DATE: May 7, 2009

RE: **Council Motion of 4/28/09 by Councillor Elliott**
"Request the City Manager update the Council on the new status of the new E-911 Center in the Police Garage:"

I would like to take this opportunity to update you on the 911/EOC Construction Project.

The city Project Team continues to meet at regular intervals and at the last meeting the team felt that the project is moving along well.

All rough work and wiring has essentially been completed and final painting has started. A majority of this work was completed by City Employees and Craftsman. The wiring for the back up power system is completed as is the HVAC work and the installation of the new emergency generator. Crews are now focused on IT wiring in anticipation of completing the installation of the raised floor, followed by delivery of the new console equipment.

At this time the Project Team feels the "substantial completion" mark will be reached in early June, and for operational switch over to the 911 Center some time in July.

Regarding the budget, we are slightly under projected cost as most overtime was removed from the budget. Other minor aspects of the projects were modified. The remaining one large line item not completely resolved is the wireless fire alarm system. This \$300K project line item has been bid and the responses are currently being reviewed by the Fire Chief's Review Committee. Very preliminary information has indicated the entire allocation will not be encumbered. Those funds may be directed to areas earlier modified or identified after construction began.

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Although this project is running a very tight budget, the overall project had aspects, such as robust NFPA codes, not originally anticipated. The Project Team has done a good job of managing these issues. Coupled with a solid effort of city workers, the project currently remains under budget and scheduled to be in operation in July.

I will be in contact with you to assist in arranging tours for the Public Safety Sub-Committee and as well as all members of the City Council for some time in July.

I hope this information is helpful. If you have any questions regarding this, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you.