

City of Fort Worth, Texas

Mayor and Council Communication

DATE: 02/10/26 M&C FILE NUMBER: M&C 26-0116

LOG NAME: 60WSSC21WSMF-GRATEX

SUBJECT

(CD 7 and CD 10) Authorize Execution of a Contract with Gra-Tex Utilities, Inc., in the Amount of \$14,595,928.00, for Water and Sanitary Sewer Replacement Contract 2021 WSM-F Project, Adopt Appropriation Ordinances to Effect a Portion of Water’s Contribution to the Fiscal Years 2026-2030 Capital Improvement Program, and Amend Transportation and Public Works Department’s Fiscal Years 2026-2030 Capital Improvement Program

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize execution of a contract with Gra-Tex Utilities, Inc., in the amount of \$14,595,928.00 for Water and Sanitary Sewer Replacement Contract 2021 WSM-F project;
2. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Water and Sewer Capital Projects Fund in the amount of \$13,386,699.00, from available PayGo residuals, for the purpose of funding the Water and Sanitary Sewer Replacement Contract 2021 WSM-F project (City Project No. 104668) and to effect a portion of Water’s contribution to the Fiscal Years 2026-2030 Capital Improvement Program;
3. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance adjusting estimated receipts and appropriations in the General Capital Projects Fund by increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in Water and Sanitary Sewer Replacement Contract 2021 WSM-F project (City Project No. 104668) in the amount of \$1,649,150.00, and decreasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Contract Street Maintenance programmable project (City Project No. P00020) by the same amount;
4. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance adjusting estimated receipts and appropriations in the Drainage Rev Bonds Series 2023 Fund, by increasing receipts and appropriations in the Water and Sanitary Sewer Replacement Contract 2021 WSM-F project (City Project No. 104668) in the amount of \$1,098,743.00 and decreasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Storm drain Pipe Rehab programmable project (City Project No. P00114) by the same amount; and
5. Amend the Transportation & Public Works Contribution to the Fiscal Years 2026-2030 Capital Improvement Program.

DISCUSSION:

This Mayor & Council Communication (M&C) is to authorize execution of a construction contract with Gra-Tex Utilities, Inc., in the amount of \$14,595,928.00 for the replacement of cast iron water and deteriorated sanitary sewer mains as indicated on the following streets and easements:

Street	From	To	Scope of Work
Western Avenue	Bryce Avenue	Camp Bowie Boulevard	Water
Western Avenue	I.H. 30 Frontage Road	El Campo Avenue	Water
Pershing Avenue	Ashland Avenue	Tremont Avenue	Water
Pershing Avenue	Thomas Place	Clover Lane	Water
Alley between Pershing Avenue and El Campo Avenue	Neville Street	Penticost Street	Sewer
Easement North of Pershing Avenue	Camp Bowie Boulevard	Penticost Street	Sewer
El Campo Avenue	Hulen Street	Clover Lane	Water/Storm Drain
El Campo Avenue	Sanquinet Street	Kenly Street	Sewer
Alley between El Campo			

Avenue and Collinwood Avenue	Kenley Street	Hulen Street	Sewer
Collinwood Avenue	Eldridge Street	East 175 feet of Hulen Street	Water/Sewer
Byers Avenue	Kenley Street	East 175 feet of Hulen Street	Water
Hulen Street	El Campo Avenue	Camp Bowie Boulevard	Water/Sewer
Hillcrest Street	El Campo Avenue	Camp Bowie Boulevard	Water
Bryce Avenue	Kenley Street	Hulen Street	Water/Sewer
Ashland Avenue	El Campo Avenue	North 100 feet	Water/Storm Drain
Tremont Avenue	El Campo Avenue	Camp Bowie Boulevard	Water/Sewer/Storm Drain
Alley between Collinwood Avenue and Byers Avenue	175 feet north and 190 feet west of the Collinwood Avenue/Hulen Street Intersection	East 385 feet	Sewer
Carleton Avenue	Bryce Avenue	North 300 feet	Sewer
Easement between Hillcrest Street and Thomas Place	Bryce Avenue	North 300 feet	Sewer
Easement between Bryce Avenue and Lafayette Avenue	200 feet west and 300 feet north of the Bryce Avenue / Thomas Place Intersection	East 430 feet	Sewer
Easement south of Camp Bowie Boulevard	Thomas Place	Tremont Avenue	Sewer
Easement between Thomas Place and Clover Lane	Camp Bowie Boulevard	South 555 feet	Sewer
Thomas Place	Camp Bowie Boulevard	Lafayette Avenue	Water
N. Caylor Road (East of Caylor Water Tank)	179 feet south of the Bickmore Lane / N. Caylor Road Intersection	West 343 feet on Caylor Water Tank site	Storm Drain

The proposed storm drain improvements (for which Water Department is responsible) on the Water Department's Caylor Water Storage site will alleviate a flooding problem on private property adjacent to the tank site.

Additionally, asphalt pavement rehabilitation curb to curb will be conducted on all roadways subsequent to the water and sanitary sewer main replacement. The project was advertised for bids on November 5, 2025 and November 12, 2025, in the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*. On December 11, 2025, the following bids were received:

Bidder	Amount	Time of Completion
Muniz Construction, Inc.*	\$12,034,515.00	
SYB Construction Co., Inc.*	\$13,987,986.43	
Jackson Construction, Ltd.*	\$14,462,516.00	

Gra-Tex Utilities, Inc.	\$14,595,298.00	750 Calendar Days
Woody Contractors, Inc.	\$14,878,902.00	
William J. Schultz, Inc. dba Circle C Construction Company	\$15,125,802.50	
Western Municipal Construction of Texas, LLC	\$17,756,127.00	

*Muniz Construction, SYB Construction and Jackson Construction have been determined to be non-responsive to the contract documents by failing to comply with the City's Small Business Ordinance.

Staff recommends award of the contract to Gra-Tex Utilities, Inc. which submitted a responsible and responsive bid on the project. Gra-Tex Utilities, Inc. has met the City's Small Business Goal.

The Water Department's share of this contract is \$12,042,834.00 (Water: \$9,063,490.00; Sewer \$2,979,344.00). The Transportation & Public Works Department's share of this contract is \$2,553,094.00 (Paving: \$1,649,150.00; Stormwater: \$903,944.00). In addition to the contract amount, \$951,660.00 (Water: \$635,543.00, Sewer: \$211,712.00, and Stormwater: \$104,405.00) is required for project management, material testing, and inspection, and \$587,004.00 (Water: \$362,540.00, Sewer: \$134,070.00, and Stormwater: \$90,394.00) is provided for project contingencies.

This project will have no impact on the Water Department's operating budget when completed. The sanitary sewer component of this project is part of the Sanitary Sewer Overflow Initiative Program of the Water Department. Approximately 14,972 linear feet of cast iron water and 5,975 linear feet of deteriorated sanitary sewer pipe will be removed and replaced as part of this project. The storm drain component of this project will repair a portion of the existing storm drain system, which requires rehabilitation to ensure continued drainage system performance and improve future maintenance of the system.

It is the practice of the Water Department to appropriate its Capital Improvement Program (CIP) plan throughout the Fiscal Year (FY), instead of within the annual budget ordinance, as projects commence, additional funding needs are identified, and to comply with bond covenants.

Funding for this project was not included in the Transportation and Public Works Department's FY 2026-2030 CIP plan due to the project need and funding source were not known at the time of its development. The action in this M&C will amend the Transportation and Public Works Department's FY 2026-2030 CIP plan as approved in connection with Ordinance 27979-09-2025.

Funding is budgeted in the Contract Street Maintenance programmable project within the General Capital Projects Fund, Storm drain Pipe Rehab project within the Drainage Rev Bond Series 2023 Fund and in the Unspecified-All Funds project within the Water and Sewer Capital Projects Fund for the purpose of funding the W/SS Contract 2021 WSM-F project.

Appropriations for the W/SS Repl Contract 2021 WSM-F project as are depicted below:

Fund	Existing Appropriations	Additional Appropriations	Project Total*
General Capital Projects - Fund 30100	\$0.00	\$1,649,150.00	\$1,649,150.00
Storm Water Capital Projects - Fund 52002	\$0.00	\$1,098,743.00	\$1,098,743.00
W&S Capital Projects - Fund 56002	\$846,841.00	\$13,386,699.00	\$14,233,540.00
Project Total	\$846,841.00	\$16,134,592.00	\$16,981,433.00

***Numbers rounded for presentation purposes.**

The project is located in COUNCIL DISTRICTS 7 and 10.

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that funds are currently available in the Unspecified-All Funds project within the W&S Capital Project Fund, the Contract Street Maintenance programmable project within the General Capital Projects Fund, and in the Stormdrain Pipe Rehab project within the Drainage Rev Bonds Series 2023 Fund and upon approval of the above recommendations and adoption of the attached appropriation ordinances, funds will be available in the W&S Capital Projects, General Capital Project, and the Drainage Rev Bonds Series 2023 Fund for the W/SS Contract 2021 WSM-F project to support the execution of the construction contract. Prior to an expenditure being incurred, the Water and Transportation & Public Works Departments have the responsibility of verifying the availability of funds.

Submitted for City Manager's Office by: Jesica McEachern 5804

<u>Originating Business Unit Head:</u>	Chris Harder	5020
---	--------------	------

<u>Additional Information Contact:</u>	Dena Johnson	7866
---	--------------	------