

Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 60GSTFCELLT-BCWALKER

SUBJECT

Authorize the Execution of a Contract with B-C Walker, Inc., in the Amount of \$146,073.00, for the Advanced Metering Infrastructure - Walsh Ranch and Stagecoach Ground Storage Tank Communication Towers Project, and Adopt Appropriation Ordinance (COUNCIL DISTRICT 3)

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize the execution of a contract with B-C Walker, Inc. in the amount of \$146,073.00 for the Advanced Metering Infrastructure - Walsh Ranch and Stagecoach Ground Storage Tank Communication Towers project (City Project No. C02715); and
2. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing appropriations in the Water & Sewer Capital Projects Fund in the amount of \$182,569.00 transferred from available funds within the Water & Sewer Fund.

DISCUSSION:

This Mayor and Council Communication is to authorize a construction contract for the installation of two communication towers to be located within the Walsh Ranch and Stagecoach ground storage tank facilities of the Water Department. The communication towers will provide enhanced cellular coverage for the Advanced Metering Infrastructure Network in the areas near the Walsh Ranch and Stagecoach water ground storage tanks.

The project was advertised for bids on March 26, 2020, and April 2, 2020, in the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*. On May 7, 2020, the following bids were received:

Bidder	Amount	Time of Completion
B-C Walker, Inc.	\$146,073.00	120 Calendar Days

In addition to the contract amount, \$21,889.00 is required for project management, material testing and inspection, and \$14,607.00 is provided for project contingencies.

The project will have no impact on the Water Department's operating budget when completed. Construction is expected to start in September 2020 and be completed by December 2020.

Appropriations for the Advanced Metering Infrastructure - Walsh Ranch and Stagecoach Ground Storage Tank Communication Towers project are as depicted below:

Fund	Existing Appropriations	Additional Appropriations	Project Total*
Water & Sewer Capital Projects Fund 56002	\$0.00	\$182,569.00	\$182,569.00
WSS 2017B Capital Projects Fund 56015	\$60,471,451.00	\$0.00	\$60,471,451.00
TWDB SWIRFT Fund 57005	\$12,301,421.00	\$0.00	\$12,301,421.00
Water Capital Fund 59601	\$24,500.00	\$0.00	\$24,500.00
Project Total	\$72,797,372.00	\$182,569.00	\$72,979,941.00

*Numbers rounded for presentation purposes.

M/WBE OFFICE: A waiver of the goal for MBE/SBE subcontracting requirements was requested by the Department and approved by the OBD, in accordance with the MWBE or BDE Ordinance, because the purchase of goods or services is from sources where subcontracting or supplier opportunities are negligible.

The project is located in COUNCIL DISTRICT 3.

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that funds are available in the current operating budget of the Water & Sewer Fund, and upon approval of the above recommendations and adoption of the attached appropriation ordinance, funds will be available in the current capital budget, as appropriated, of the Water & Sewer Capital Projects (W&S Capital Projects) Fund AMI - Advanced Metering Infrass project. Prior to any expenditure being incurred, the Water Department has the responsibility of verifying the availability of funds.

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