

City of Fort Worth, Texas

Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 60EMOUNTAINWTPEXP-WEBBER

SUBJECT

(CD 7) Authorize Execution of a Contract with Webber Waterworks, LLC in the Amount of \$294,624,103.86 for Eagle Mountain Water Treatment Plant 35 Million Gallons Per Day Expansion Project, Adopt Resolution Expressing Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures with Proceeds of Future Debt, and Adopt Appropriation Ordinance to Effect a Portion of Water’s Contribution to the Fiscal Years 2025-2029 Capital Improvement Program

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

- 1. Authorize execution of a contract with Webber Waterworks, LLC in the amount of \$294,624,103.86 for the Eagle Mountain Water Treatment Plant 35 Million Gallons Per Day Expansion project;
- 2. Adopt the attached Resolution expressing official intent to reimburse expenditures with proceeds from future debt for the Eagle Mountain Water Treatment Plant 35 Million Gallons Per Day Expansion project; and
- 3. Adopt the attached Appropriation Ordinance adjusting appropriations in the Water and Sewer Commercial Paper Fund by increasing appropriations in Eagle Mountain Water Treatment Plant 35 Million Gallons Per Day Expansion project (City Project No. 105176) in the amount of \$175,254,691.00 and decreasing appropriations in the Water & Sewer Commercial Paper project (City Project No. UCMLPR) by the same amount, to effect a portion of Water’s contribution to the Fiscal Years 2025-2029 Capital Improvement Program.

DISCUSSION:

This Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) is to authorize execution of a contract with Webber Waterworks, LLC. In the amount of \$294,624,103.86 for construction of the Eagle Mountain Water Treatment Plant 35 Million Gallon per day expansion, which will increase the EMWTP capacity to 142 MGD.

The original Eagle Mountain Water Treatment Plant (EMWTP) 30 Million Gallons Per Day (MGD) plant was designed in the late 1980s and completed in 1992. In 2001, the plant was expanded to 70 MGD.

From 2006 through 2008, the raw water delivery system from Eagle Mountain Lake to the EMWTP was expanded. Improvements consisted of a new lake intake, a second raw water pump station, and a parallel 72” raw water pipeline. The raw water system was designed around a 200 MGD ultimate capacity for the EMWTP, with the raw water pump station number two having the ability to be expanded by adding pump, motors, switchgear, and pump piping. In 2008, the EMWTP plant was expanded to 107 MGD to meet the growing water demand of north Fort Worth and our northern customer cities.

On October 16, 2024, Mayor & Council (M&C) 24-0872 appropriated \$122,000,000.00 for the purpose of funding the Eagle Mountain Water Treatment Plant – 35 MGD Expansion project, with all such amounts subject to reduction to conform to final figures reflected in bond closing documents. The actual amount received in the project was \$121,585,219.48 after bond issuance cost.

Construction of the project was advertised for bid on February 5 and February 12, 2025 in the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*. On May 1, 2025 the following proposals were received. The proposals were evaluated based on pre-established criteria provided in the solicitation.

Bidder	Bid Amount	Cost Evaluation (70)	Experience w/ Similar Projects (10)	Project Approach and Schedule (20)	MWBE Compliance (Y/N)	Total
Webber Waterworks	\$294,624,103.86	69.5	9.4	19.2	Y	98.1
Thalle Construction Co, Inc	\$292,377,000.00	70	5.8	12	Y	87.8

Webber Waterworks, LLC, submitted the highest-ranking proposal based upon the identified pre-established criteria.

In addition to the contract cost, \$1,184,622.00 is required for project management and inspection and \$1,031,184.00 is provided for project contingency.

This project will have no impact on the Water Department operating budget when complete.

Available cash within the Water and Sewer portfolio and the City's portfolio along with the appropriation authority authorized under the Callable Commercial Paper Program (CP) will be used to provide interim financing for this project until debt is issued. Once debt associated with this project is sold, bond proceeds will be used to reimburse the Water and Sewer portfolio and the City's portfolio in accordance with the attached Reimbursement Resolution. Under federal law, debt must be issued within approximately three years in order for these expenses to be reimbursable. Adoption of the attached resolution does not obligate the City to sell bonds, but preserves the ability of the City to reimburse itself from tax-exempt bond proceeds.

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. The actions in the M&C will appropriate funds in support of the Water's portion of the City of Fort Worth's Fiscal Years 2025-2029 Capital Improvement Program.

Funding is budgeted in the Commercial Paper Project within the W&S Commercial Paper Fund for the purpose of funding the Eagle Mountain Water Treatment Plant 35MGD Expansion.

Funding for the Eagle Mountain Water Treatment Plant 35MGD Expansion and project is depicted below:

Fund	Existing Appropriations	Additional Appropriations	Project Total*
W&S Rev Bonds Series 2024 – Fund 56022	\$15,503,908.00	\$0.00	\$15,503,908.00
W&S Rev Bonds Series 2024C – Fund 56025	\$122,000,000.00		\$122,000,000.00
W&S Commercial Paper Fund 56026	\$0.00	\$175,254,691.00	\$175,254,691.00
Project Total	\$137,503,908.00	\$175,254,691.00	\$312,758,599.00

*Numbers rounded for presentation purposes. \$414,780.52 will be adjusted in separate M&C. Funds are \$121,585,219.48.

Business Equity: The Business Equity Division placed a 10.20 percent business equity goal on this solicitation/contract. Webber, LLC, will be exceeding the goal at 11.61 percent, meeting the City's Business Equity Ordinance. Any changes in subcontractors will be reviewed by the Business Equity Division.

The project is located in COUNCIL DISTRICT 7.

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that funds will be available in the Commercial Paper project within the W&S Commercial Paper Fund and upon approval of the above recommendations and adoption of the attached appropriation ordinance, funds will be available in the W&S Commercial Paper Fund for the EMWTP 35MGD EXP. AND P2 project to support the above recommendations and execution of the construction contract. Prior to any expenditure being incurred, the Water Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds.

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