

Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 20SWM STORM DRAIN PIPE REHAB FNI

SUBJECT

(ALL) Authorize Execution of a Professional Engineering Services Agreement with Freese and Nichols, Inc. in an Amount Up to \$884,297.00 for the Storm Drain Pipe Rehabilitation Project, With Up to Three Renewals

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize execution of a Professional Services Agreement with Freese and Nichols, Inc in an amount up to \$884,297.00 for the Storm Drain Rehabilitation Program to support the Storm Drain Pipe Rehabilitation project (City Project No. 104487), with up to three renewals in an amount up to \$758,801.00.

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) is to authorize the execution of a Professional Services Agreement with Freese and Nichols, Inc for the Storm Drain Rehabilitation program in an amount up to \$884,297.00 with up to three renewal options up to \$758,801.00. The storm drain rehabilitation program proactively assesses the condition of drainage pipes to identify and program rehabilitation needs before drainage pipes fully fail, which can create sinkholes and significant life safety issues.

The scope of this project will include inspecting 10 miles of storm drain pipes every Fiscal Year (FY) using Closed Circuit Television (CCTV), performing defect detection and post-processing on inspection data and providing recommendations for capital and maintenance needs and also prioritizing them. A storm drain condition assessment dashboard will also be developed on the City's Geographic Information System (GIS) server, in coordination with the Information Technology Solutions Department, to host the program data. The dashboard development will include a review of the existing process, identifying gaps and developing a modified process to improve efficiency and centralizing the data on the City's system.

In June 2025, the Stormwater Management Division advertised a Request for Qualifications for professional services and seven firms were shortlisted for Category J – Infrastructure Maintenance. Because this contract requires expertise in multiple elements, such as having certified staff to review CCTV inspections, GIS data hosting and managing, and engineering expertise to provide recommendations, a Request for Additional Information (RFAI) was sent out on November 5, 2025 to all the shortlisted firms to provide additional information specific to this project. A team of four panelists reviewed the six received RFAIs and the table below shows the scoring summary.

	Firm Name	Total Score (75 Max)
1.	Halff Associates, Inc.	62.67
2.	Freese and Nichols, Inc.	60.5
3.	Lockwood, Andrews and Newman, Inc.	51.5
4.	Kimley Horn and Associates, Inc.	48.33
5.	Plummer Associates, Inc.	47.33
6.	Walter P. Moore	24.92

Funding is budgeted in the Stormwater Capital Projects Fund for the Transportation & Public Works Department for the purpose of funding the Storm Drain Pipe Rehab project (City Project No. 104487).

This project is located in ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS.

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that funds are available in the current capital budget, as previously appropriated, in the Stormwater Capital Projects Fund for the Storm Drain Pipe Rehab project to support the approval of the above recommendation and execution of the contract. Prior to any expenditure being incurred, the Transportation & Public Works Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds.

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