

City of Fort Worth, Texas

Mayor and Council Communication

DATE: 04/23/24M&C FILE NUMBER: M&C 24-0358

LOG NAME: 60BWA WATERCONNECT - WILLCOU

SUBJECT

(CD 3) Authorize Execution of a Contract with Willco Underground, LLC, in the Amount of \$1,054,059.00, for the Benbrook Water Authority Water Connection Project, and Adopt Appropriation Ordinance to Effect a Portion of Water’s Contribution to the Fiscal Years 2024-2028 Capital Improvement Program

- RECOMMENDATION:**
1. Authorize execution of a contract with Willco Underground, LLC, in the amount of \$1,054,059.00, for the Benbrook Water Authority Water Connection Project; and
 2. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance adjusting appropriations in the Water & Sewer Capital Project 2019 Fund by increasing appropriations in the Benbrook Water Authority Water Connection project (City Project No. 105248) in the amount of \$1,230,506.00 and decreasing appropriations is the Unspecified-All Funds project (City Project No. UNSPEC) by the same amount.

DISCUSSION:

This project provides for an emergency water connection between the Benbrook Water Authority and the City of Fort Worth Water Department to allow each utility to take water from the other should the need ever arise.

The project was advertised for bids on February 1, 2024, and February 8, 2024, in the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*. On February 29, 2024, the following bids were received:

Bidder	Amount	Time of Completion
Willco Underground, LLC	\$1,054,059.00	150 Calendar Days
Blue Star Utilities, LLC	\$1,301,322.00	

In addition to the contract amount, \$123,744.00 is required for project management, material testing and inspection, and \$52,703.00 is provided for project contingencies.

This project will have no impact on the Water Department's operating budget when completed.

It is the practice of the Water Department to appropriate its 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 Mayor & Council Communciation (M&C) will appropriate funds in support of the Water’s portion of the City of Fort Worth’s Fiscal Years 2024-2028 Capital Improvement Program, as follows:

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Capital Fund Name	Project Name	FY2024 CIP Appropriations	Authority	Budget Adjustment	Revised FY2024 Budget
WS Capital Project 2019 – Fund 56016	105248 – Benbrook WTR Auth WTR Connect	\$0.00	This M&C	\$1,230,506.00	\$1,230,506.00

Funding is currently available in the Unspecified All-Funds project within the WS Capital Project 2019 Fund for the purpose of funding the Benbrook Water Authority Connection project.

Appropriations for the Benbrook Water Authority Water Connection project are as depicted below:

Fund	Existing Appropriations	Additional Appropriations	Project Total*
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WS Capital Project 2019 Fund 56016	\$0.00	\$1,230,506.00	\$1,230,506.00
Project Total	\$0.00	\$1,230,506.00	\$1,230,506.00

*Numbers rounded for presentation purposes.

Business Equity: Willco Underground, LLC, is in compliance with the City's Business Equity Ordinance by committing to 15 percent MWBE participation on this project. The City's MWBE goal on this project is 12 percent.

The project is located in COUNCIL DISTRICT 3.

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that funds are currently available in the Unspecified All-Funds project within the WS Capital Project 2019 Fund, and upon approval of the above recommendations and adoption of the attached appropriation ordinance, funds will be available in the WS Capital Project 2019 Fund for the Benbrook WTR Auth WTR Connect project to support the above recommendations and execution of the contract. Prior to any expenditure being incurred, the Water Department has the responsibility of verifying the availability of funds.

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