

Council Agenda Report

Date: March 14, 2022

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Submitted by: David Deutsch, Acting City Manager

SUBJECT: Award of Contract for Engineering Services- West End Area Sewer Improvements

Recommendation: That Council award a contract for engineering consultant services to Davis, Bowen & Friedel, Inc.

Discussion:

Most of the sanitary sewer collection system in the City's West End area is terra cotta pipe installed in the early 1900's. Over the years, we have seen a steady increase of inflow and infiltration (I & I) into the system. The excessive I & I, along with an increase in tidal flooding and more frequent high intensity rainfall, has led to sanitary sewer overflows in the West End area. This project would include replacement or relining of approximately 7,300 ft. of sewer mainline, 95 house laterals and 35 manholes.

Presently, the engineering department does not have the capacity to design and prepare the necessary construction documents to complete this work. To obtain proposals to provide this service, an RFP was issued to four (4) engineering firms that the City has used for similar work in the past. Due to workload, only two of the firms were able to provide proposals at this time. The two firms and the total proposed fees were as follows:

Davis, Bowen & Friedel, Inc.- \$100,500

George, Miles & Buhr, Inc.- \$122,517

We feel that both firms provided excellent proposals and are equally qualified. Therefore, it is our recommendation to award the contract to Davis, Bowen & Friedel based on price.

Fiscal Impact:

There is funding allocated in the current sewer budget under professional services to cover the cost of the contract.

Approved by: David Deutsch, Acting City Manager