

City of Tamarac
Interoffice Memorandum
Public Services

**To: Michael C. Cernech,
City Manager**

**Thru: Jack Strain, P.E.,
Director of Public Services**

**From: Earl Henry, P.E.,
Utility Engineer**

Date: March 6, 2020

**Re: McNab Road Water Main Valve Replacement
Project No. UT20J; TR No. 13417**

Recommendation

I recommend that the City Commission approve an Agreement with GT General Contractors, LLC utilizing a competitively procured Agreement with the City of Coral Springs, valid to August 20, 2021; authorize the expenditure in an amount not to exceed \$99,726.00 and a contingency in the amount of \$29,918.00 (30% of contract cost), for a total project cost of \$129,644.00 to replace a broken 24-inch Water Valve; and, to authorize additional expenditures not to exceed the annual budgeted amount for additional work within the scope of this Agreement for budgeted Water Distribution System Upgrades; authorize the appropriate City Officials to execute and renew said contract; and that this item be placed on the May 13, 2020 agenda.

Issue

Approval of an Agreement with GT General Contractors, LLC to replace a broken 24-inch Water Valve, utilizing an existing contract between GT General Contractors and City of Coral Springs, authorize an expenditure in an amount not to exceed \$129,644.00 for said purpose.

Background

The existing 24-inch watermain valve located at the intersection of W McNab Road and NW 80th Avenue is broken and needs to be replaced. The valve is broken in the closed position, and as such, is restricting water flow in the distribution pipeline leading to water quality issues. The water quality is currently being maintained at this section by additional monitoring and flushing of the pipelines. This additional work requires increased man-hours.

The City received a quote from GT General Contractors, utilizing line items from a competitive bid Annual Contract for Utility Construction Services, which they currently have with the City of Coral Springs. After careful review and consideration, City Staff determined that GT General Contractors possess the skills, experience and capacity to perform the repairs to replace the broken valve.

The Contract between the City of Coral Springs and GT General Contractors was competitively procured and is available for the City of Tamarac to "piggy-back". City Staff have reviewed the contract and have determined the Contract to be beneficial to the City to utilize for this project, and could be beneficial for similar work in the future. Therefore, we have proposed a term agreement with GT General Contractors for the term of the Agreement with Coral Springs, and as renewed.

Any work in excess of \$65,000.00 will require City Commission Approval, however by having the contract “pre-approved” this will speed up any future work within the scope of this Contract.

The FY 2020 Adopted Budget currently includes \$500,000.00 for Water Distribution System Upgrades (Project UT20J); and City staff have determined this contract to be beneficial to the City. City Staff recommend the City Commission authorize additional expenditures not to exceed the annual budgeted amount to allow for rapid and efficient response to similar upgrades to the City’s water distribution system. Such “pre-approval” of the Agreement would allow the City to rapidly respond to similar situations and would save time and administrative work at potentially critical times.

This item was originally scheduled to go before the City Commission for approval on March 25, 2020. However, due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Commission Meeting was cancelled. Due to the urgent nature of this project, the City Manager authorized a Purchase Order on March 30, 2020. In addition to the Contractor procuring materials, this also enabled the contractor to begin the permitting process, which is nearly complete; and, construction is scheduled to begin Tuesday, May 12, 2020.

Fiscal Impact:

This work was not specifically included in the FY 2020 Adopted Budget. However, Project Number UT20J is for Water Distribution System Upgrades; and as such has an available balance of \$500,000.00 for this nature of work and will be utilized for this project.