



MEMORANDUM

City of Venice

Engineering Department

TO: Ed Lavallee, City Manager

THRU: James Clinch, Asst. City Manager

FROM: Kathleen Weeden, City Engineer and Brenda Westlake, Grants Coordinator

DATE: May 10, 2022

COUNCIL APPROVAL: Yes

MEETING DATE: 05/24/2022

STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL: Upgrade and Maintain City Infrastructure and Facilities

SUBJECT: Community Development Block Grant Amendment No. 1 - Cockrill Street Sidewalk Project

Background: Cockrill Street Sidewalk project was identified in the FY2021 CIP Capital Project Fund #302 Road Project. The City is a sub-recipient of Community Development Block Grant from the Sarasota Office of Housing and Community Development for the City's Cockrill Street Sidewalk Project. The initial Cockrill Sidewalk project will offer connectivity in an important low to moderate income census tract and provide access to Venice Hospital, Student Leadership Academy, shopping and Chuck Reiter Park. The sidewalk will be constructed along with the necessary drainage improvements. Following a delay between approval of the grant application and the granting agency issuing the grant agreement, a significant increase in construction costs was experienced. Prior to issuing the grant agreement, the initial project amount was increased by \$75,000 to a total project of \$400,000.

During design of the sidewalk improvements, it was determined that an aged Asbestos-Cement (AC) potable water main is located within the footprint of the south block of the sidewalk project at a depth that requires the pipe to be abandoned in place or removed. A detailed analysis of the water distribution system has determined that replacing the aged water infrastructure with PVC would improve the level of service to the existing residents throughout the service area. The City Utilities Department endeavors to remove the AC water main from wherever possible, as it is near the end of its useful life, and subject to breaks and service disruptions. Therefore, this amendment includes replacing the remainder of the AC water main within the Project Area. This area of the water system is considered critical, as it is immediately adjacent to the elevated water tower, which provides storage, improved pressure, and water for fire protection for the surrounding area. As illustrated in the attached exhibit, the water line would be removed/replaced along Cockrill St. from Pine Rd. to Firenze Ave. E. and along Cockrill St. from Fort St. to Chuck Reiter Park Water Tower. Increase in the grant award for \$225,000 will provide funds to complete the utility improvements. Total project amount is now \$625,000.

Requested Action: Authorize the Mayor to Execute the Amendment No. 1 to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Subrecipient Agreement between Sarasota County and the City of Venice for the City's Cockrill Street Sidewalk Project to Increase the Grant Funding Amount to \$625,000.

City Attorney Review/Approved: Yes

Risk Management Review: N/A

Finance Department Review/Approved: Yes

Funds Availability (account number): 302-0000-331.00, Project #STR018

ORIGINAL(S) ATTACHED: Three (3) Originals provided to City Clerk.