



CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

AGENDA ITEM REQUEST

UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

DATE: May 6, 2016

TO: Ed Lavallee, City Manager *EL 5/9/16*

FROM: Tim Hochuli, PE, PMP, Utilities Director *TAH 5/3/16*

COUNCIL DATE: May 24, 2016

SUBJECT: Water Main Replacement Program, Phase 4
Wade Trim, Inc. WA No. 3, Change Order No. 1

Background:

City Council approved Work Assignment No. 3 with Wade Trim, Inc., on May 26, 2015. The original Work Assignment approved the design, permitting, bid and construction phase services for the replacement of old water mains located in the rear property easements with new water mains located in the public rights-of-way in the front of properties within Phase 4 of program area.

On January 30, 2016, the City began the required 30 day construction bid advertisement period and scheduled a pre-bid meeting for February 11, 2016. At the pre-bid meeting, none of the Contractors who downloaded the plans and specifications from DemandStar attended. The supplier of the fusible PVC pipe required by the specifications did attend and conveyed frustrations expressed to him by the Contractors at the perceived liability for working on private property. The City had heard similar comments on the Phase 5 and Venetian Parkway projects, where the City went through the entire bidding process and did not receive any qualified bids and one no bid that expressed the same liability concerns. At that point, a decision was made to cancel the bid process for this Phase 4 and review what changes could be made to entice Contractors to bid in the future. The bid was cancelled on February 22, 2016.

Staff began reviewing all components of the design, requested that the City Attorney review the required Homeowner's Agreement acquired for all involved properties, interviewed Contractors that downloaded plans but declined to bid and other potential changes to the original design in order to increase the number of bids during a second bid process. All of these items were considered before deciding how to proceed with modifying the original design.

After considering all of the above factors, design revisions will include more detailed information on the scope of private property work for each individual property so that the contractor can be equitably compensated for existing conditions, unforeseen conditions and any changes in private service line routing.