
City Council Regular Meeting

DEPARTMENT: Public Works

FROM: Errick Thompson, P.E., CFM®, Director

MEETING: August 19, 2024

SUBJECT:

Consider approval of an amendment to the contract with PRP Services, LLC, d/b/a Municipal Mosquito to increase the total amount of the payments under the agreement by \$75,000 for mosquito abatement services. (*Staff Contact: Errick Thompson, Director of Public Works*)

SUMMARY:

In March, 2022, the City entered into a three-year contract with PRP Services, LLC d/b/a Municipal Mosquito for mosquito control services in an amount not to exceed \$48,000.

The City's Integrated Mosquito Control Program divides the city into 15 zones. The program includes mosquito trapping and testing of each zone weekly between April and October each year. When a mosquito trap tests positive for West Nile Virus, the respective zone is sprayed in an effort to reduce the number of adult mosquitos preventing them from transmitting West Nile Virus to humans. This program has been in place since 2013. The response protocol is based on the recommendations of Tarrant County Public Health, the Texas Department of State Health Services, and the Center for Disease Control.

Over the previous two fiscal years, annual expenses have been \$10,336 in FY22 and \$10,837 in FY23.

The FY24 season has been very active in the North Central Texas region over the past eight weeks and as a result, expenses fiscal year to date through July are \$17,869 with approximately nine weeks remaining. Staff currently projects expending an additional \$75,000 for mosquito abatement based on the current trends of testing results and resulting abatement expenses.

The current contract with PRP Services, LLC d/b/a Municipal Mosquito was not formally bid and was approved administratively pursuant to the city's purchasing policy. Staff does not believe it has sufficient funds under the original agreement to address the City's current mosquito abatement needs. Further, staff believes that the public bidding process would take many weeks before another vendor or contract could possibly be secured. Given the current dire situation with mosquitos, City staff recommends the City Council approve the contract amendment to preserve

and protect the public health and safety of the City's residents. Staff believes that the additional costs authorized under the contract amendment will allow the City to continue mosquito abatement through the end of this year's mosquito season.

Staff will prepare a budget amendment as part of the year-end budget amendment to address this increase in expense. Staff will conduct a procurement for a new contract for council consideration prior to the beginning of next year's mosquito season in April 2025.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve an amendment to the contract with PRP Services, LLC, d/b/a Municipal Mosquito to increase the total amount of the payments under the agreement by \$75,000 for mosquito abatement services

PRIOR ACTION/INPUT (Council, Boards, Citizens):

N/A

REFERENCE:

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT:

Budgeted: N
Fund Name: General Fund
Full Account #: 1014003 - 62050
Amount: \$75,000.00
Project No.: N/A

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