



## Staff Report – Consent Agenda

May 18, 2026 Council Regular Meeting

Construction Award Emergency Sewer Repair SW 6<sup>th</sup> Place Sewer (Submitted by Rob Charles, Utilities Manager)

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**BACKGROUND:** In December of 2025, staff discovered that a section of sewer line was leaking along SW 6<sup>th</sup> Place. After further investigation, it was determined that the existing concrete pipe had collapsed due to hydrogen sulfide degradation. Staff quickly determined that this was work that could not be completed with city crews. Haag and Shaw, a local contractor was called in to help with the repair.

**SUMMARY:** Haag and Shaw performed work to bypass flow around the failed pipe section, excavated to the broken section of pipe and replaced it with 28 feet of pvc pipe. Bypass pumping requires the installation of temporary portable pumps to pump around the work area during construction. The pipe was over 4 feet deep which required shoring for the excavation work. In addition, larger equipment was required as a seasonal stream was located above the area of the excavation and needed to be diverted during the work.

Due to the emergency nature of the sewer failure and the immediate risk to public infrastructure and essential sewer service, staff proceeded with repairs in accordance with RCW 39.04.280, which allows emergency public works work to be completed without the standard public bidding process when an unforeseen circumstance presents an immediate threat to life, property, or essential public services.



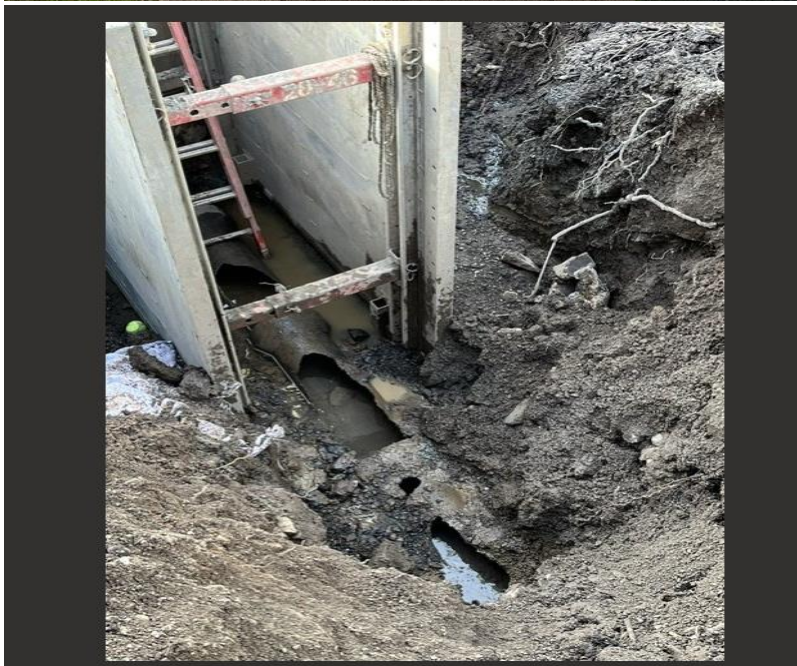


Figure 1-5 Construction Photos of SW 6<sup>th</sup> Place Sewer Repair

**BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY:** The emergency repair restored reliable sewer service and prevented the potential for additional sewer system failure, environmental impacts, and damage to surrounding infrastructure. Completing the repair quickly helped protect public health and safety while minimizing the duration of service disruptions and risks to the community.

**STRATEGIC PLAN:** This project aligns with the goal of Stewardship of City Assets.

**POTENTIAL CHALLENGES:** Additional work to the west of the Haag and Shaw repair will be needed on 200 feet of concrete sewer line as it has seen the same degradation due to hydrogen sulfide damage. This design is being completed by engineering staff in-house and will be bid in July of this year.

**BUDGET IMPACT:** The total cost for this project was \$109,269.78 and there is sufficient budget in the Sewer Repair and Rehabilitation fund to cover this project. Staff were onsite daily tracking labor hours and equipment usage throughout the emergency repair work and reviewed and verified all submitted costs associated with the project.

Budget:

Gravity Sewer R&R (2026 Capital Budget)	\$650,000
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Expenses:

6 <sup>th</sup> Pl. Emergency Repair Work (Haag & Shaw)	\$109,270
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**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff would recommend that this Council authorize the payment of \$109,269.78 to Haag and Shaw for the emergency sewer repair on SW 6<sup>th</sup> Place.