



# STAFF REPORT

## CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA

**TO:** City Council Regular Session

**MEETING DATE:** January 6, 2026

**FROM:** Scott Schultz, Water Utilities Director

**SUBJECT:** City Council emergency approval for a budget amendment / funding in the amount of \$57,684.84 for Lift Station #305 rehabilitation and \$51,685.62 for Lift Station #327 rehabilitation to RCM Utilities, piggybacking on the Zephyrhills Continuing Services Agreement No. 41-25-13. *Scott Schultz*

### BACKGROUND

The city owns and operates 35 wastewater lift stations varying in size and complexity. Many of them are over 40 years old and have far exceeded their life cycle. Each year the wastewater department budgets \$400,000.00 for rehabilitation of lift stations. In the last three years, to support budgetary restraint, staff have not expended the funds unless necessary. For example.

- FY23 Actuals \$0.00
- FY24 Actuals \$113,835.00
- FY25 Actuals \$171,999.00

Utilizing this process means that there will be emergency expenses. For example, the force main for Lift Station 305 has a leak and is temporarily restrained to avoid release of raw sewage. The discharge valves do not operate and must be replaced. Lift Station 327 has a hole in the suction piping causing one pump to be disabled. The fittings that hold the suction in place are corroded to the point that the bolts and accessories can't be loosened.

Performing these tasks requires bypassing of the stations with temporary pumps. Trying to take apart the various fittings, piping and valves only causes additional breakage and failures. The only way to effectively repair the stations is to perform a full rehabilitation using stainless steel materials which last for a much longer duration.

### FISCAL IMPACT

\$109,370.46 from Wastewater Fund Reserves

### RECOMMENDATION

Approve a budget amendment / funding in the amount of \$57,684.84 for Lift Station #305 rehabilitation and \$51,685.62 for Lift Station #327 rehabilitation to RCM Utilities, piggybacking on the Zephyrhills Continuing Services Agreement No. 41-25-13