



STAFF REPORT

CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA

TO: City Council Regular Meeting **MEETING DATE:** July 20, 2021
FROM: Scott Schultz, Asst. Water Utilities Director
SUBJECT: City Council approval to issue a purchase order in the amount of \$79,350.00 to Gresco for the purchase of 4/0 copper wire for the Magnolia Point Third Feed Project, Magnolia Point Underground Reconductor Project and for Inventory. *Scott Schultz*

BACKGROUND

As part of the Magnolia Point Third Feed Project, the electric department plans to replace the overhead lines on Harbor Road with underground lines that run across the back of the Harbor Road WWTP facility. One 1,000-ft roll of 4/0 copper wire is needed for the neutral on this project. Twelve rolls are needed for the Magnolia Point Underground Reconductor Project which is expected to begin in September 2021. We also need two rolls for inventory stock.

Due to the unstable nature of commodities pricing, short-term quote guarantees and increasing lead times, staff reached out to four vendors for quotes for the material; Anixter, AWG, Gresco and Irby. Anixter has the FMPA bid for this item, but failed to confirm pricing and lead times. Irby did not respond. AWG quoted \$5.66 per foot. Gresco returned the lowest quote at \$5.29 per foot.

Due to the reasons listed above, staff felt it was prudent to order the materials immediately and request that Council ratify this purchase at the July 20 meeting. As the purchase is over \$25,000, it requires City Council approval. Staff recommends awarding the purchase of 15,000 feet of copper wire to Gresco in the amount of \$79,350.00.

Additionally, staff is requesting the Council waive the formal bid process for this item given the likelihood that the formal bid process would increase the cost and delay the projects. This exception is allowed in Chapter 5 of the City's Purchasing Policies and Procedures Manual adopted by Council in 2019.

FISCAL IMPACT

\$79,350 to the Electric Department CIP account number 401-3032-5006510 and inventory accounts.

RECOMMENDATION

Ratify purchase order in the amount of \$79,350.00 to Gresco for 15,000 feet of 4/0 copper wire.