



STAFF REPORT

CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA

TO: City Council Regular Meeting **MEETING DATE:** February 4, 2025
FROM: Scott Schultz, Asst. Water Utilities Director
SUBJECT: City Council approval for an emergency repair to the gravity sewer system on West Street in the amount of \$458,274.65, and an exemption to the existing Purchasing Policies for normal procurement processes. *Scott Schultz*

BACKGROUND

The gravity sewer and manholes on a section of West Street have been in need of repairs for several years and has been on the wastewater department capital improvement program as part of clay sewer line repairs. Staff have been cleaning the sewer system monthly to postpone repairs in hopes of combining the repair with a future stormwater replacement. The cleaning of the system has now become weekly, and the road is caving in around the manhole and requiring regular maintenance to avoid vehicular damage.

Over the last 6-7 months staff have had at least five contractors review the videos of the line and have made site visits. The only contractor that is willing to perform the repair is Jax Utilities Management, following the guidelines of the City of Jacksonville Pipe / Manhole Rehabilitation Bid. It has reached the point where additional time is not an option. The lines are very deep, requiring wellpoints and trench boxes. In addition, two sets of bypass pumping systems will be required – all adding significant cost.

The funding will come from the following CIP Account numbers.

403-3035-5006302 – Lift Station Rehabilitation. Moving these funds to Sewer Line Replacement will eliminate the rehabilitation of two of the four projected lift station rehabilitations this year.

403-3035-6006304 – Manhole Replacement

\$03-3035-5006317 – Sewer line Replacement

The following contractors did not respond or withdrew from consideration.

- Grimes Construction
- PBM Contractors
- RCM Utilities
- General Underground

FISCAL IMPACT

\$458,274.65 from the Wastewater CIP Budget

RECOMMENDATION

Approve an emergency repair to the gravity sewer system on West Street in the amount of \$458,274.65, and an exemption to the existing Purchasing Policies for normal procurement processes.