

,MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

DATE: November 4, 2025

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: David Dimaline, Public Works Assistant Director

THROUGH: Dr. Crystal Caldera, City Manager

SUBJECT: Presentation, Discussion, and Possible Approval of a Resolution Awarding the Lowest Qualified Bid in the Amount of \$828,506.01 with \$124,276.00 for Contingency (15%), and Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Contract with EZ Bel Construction, LLC for the 2025 Water Main Replacement Project

SPONSOR(S): None

PURPOSE & BACKGROUND

The purpose of this item is to consider approval of a Resolution awarding a bid in the amount of \$828,506.01 with 15% for contingency and authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with EZ Bel Construction, LLC for the 2025 Water Main Replacement Project.

The water mains along Pickering, Kinman, and Rimkus were identified as a priority for water main replacement and included in the Water Capital Improvements Plan due to the number of main breaks occurring in this area. The replacement of the existing asbestos concrete water mains with PVC water mains, new valves, fire hydrants and water services will reduce unscheduled water outages and greatly improve service delivery.

The lowest qualified bid for the project was submitted by EZ Bel Construction for \$828,506.01. The scope of work consists of replacing approximately 2,107 feet of existing 6" asbestos concrete water main with new 8" PVC water main, 41 new water services, 2 new fire hydrants, 6 new 8" gate valves, trench repairs, and a two-inch mill and asphalt overlay along Pickering, Kinman, and Rimkus streets.

A bid package was developed and advertised for 30 days. The bid advertisement was placed in the Express News for two consecutive weeks, and the bid documents and construction plans were placed on the City's web site, CivCast, and Public Purchase.

The bid opening was held on August 28, 2025, and the following bids were received:

Company	Base Bid Amount	Additive Alternate #1 (Mill & Asphalt Overlay of 3 streets)	Total
EZ Bel Construction, LLC	\$676,216.01	\$152,290.00	\$828,506.01
D&D Contractors	\$766,279.33	\$163,723.11	\$930,002.44
RL Jones	\$917,266.00	\$96,176.00	\$1,013,442.00
Soverex	\$638,417.50	\$378,940.00	\$1,017,357.50
Guerra Underground, LLC	\$820,256.99	\$254,379.25	\$1,074,636.24
West Star Construction, Inc.	\$921,083.36	\$236,910.87	\$1,157,994.23

The City Engineer reviewed each of the bid submittals, documents, and completed reference checks. They recommend awarding the construction contract to the lowest and best qualified bid—EZ Bel Construction, LLC.

FISCAL IMPACT

Engineering: \$ 95,290.00
Construction: \$ 828,506.01
Contingency (15%): \$ 124,276.00
Project Total: \$1,048,072.01

Funds were budgeted this fiscal year for 2025 Water Main Replacement Project. The base bid amount of \$676,216.01 will be paid out of the Water Utility Fund, and the Additive Alternate #1 amount of \$152,290.00 will be paid out of the Street Maintenance Fund.

The Enterprise Fund balance is \$3,187,874 (As of 9/30/24). The Street Maintenance Fund balance is \$1,751,192 (As of 9/30/24).

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of the Resolution.

APPROVED: _____ DISAPPROVED: _____

APPROVED WITH THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS:

ATTEST:

SAUNDRA PASSAILAIGUE, TRMC
City Secretary