MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 31, 2024

TO: Melissa R. Marsh, City Manager

FROM: Sean P. Ballantine, Director of Public Services

SUBJECT: Bid Award - Cross-Connection Control Program

In order to maintain compliance with requirements set forth by the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), the City has utilized the services of HydroCorp (formerly Hydro Designs) since 2004 to provide and manage a cross-connection control program, covering commercial and industrial water customers. This is a turnkey service managed on behalf of the City, providing all communication, correspondence, site inspections and reinspections, and preparation of reports to the State, while in close communication with the Department of Public Services.

By way of background, cross-connection control involves identifying points in a water distribution system where process or other non-potable water could backfeed into the domestic water supply, ensuring that an appropriate backflow prevention device is in place at these points to prevent such an occurrence, and that the device is regularly tested and certified to be functioning properly.

EGLE has implemented a residential cross-connection control rule, prompting Staff to prepare a new Request for Proposals (RFP) to include this scope of work and associated pay items under our cross-connection program. A sole proposal was received by the deadline, from HydroCorp. The proposal met all of the requirements set forth in the RFP, including two options for the residential inspections, should inspection requirements change in the future. HydroCorp has been continually excellent to work with, and have proven themselves to be a qualified and responsive partner over the last twenty years.

Staff therefore recommends that Council award the bid for the Cross-Connection Control Program to HydroCorp, of Troy, at the per-inspection unit prices specified. The actual number of inspections will continue to be based on the funding allocated in the approved Budget.

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