



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 10/27/2026

REQUESTER: Nathan Madenwald, Utilities Engineer

PRESENTER: Nathan Madenwald, Utilities Engineer

ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF CHANGE ORDER ONE TO CONTRACT K-2526-147: BY AND BETWEEN THE NORMAN UTILITIES AUTHORITY AND SOUTHWEST WATER WORKS, L.L.C., INCREASING THE CONTRACT BY \$264,075.00 FOR A REVISED CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$2,753,085.00 FOR THE JAMES GARNER WATER LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT FROM DUFFY TO MAIN. (WARD 4)

BACKGROUND:

The Public Works Department is moving forward with the James Garner Avenue Streetscape project which will improve this corridor including new paving and sidewalks from Andrews Park south to Duffy Street. This project was designed by Cowan Group Engineering, L.L.C., (Cowan Group).

Water lines located within this corridor are over 50 years old and have experienced failures that disrupt water service and also traffic flows for this important street corridor. Replacement of these water lines prior to the surface improvements would ensure good infrastructure and reduce the likelihood that the surface improvements have to be removed and replaced for future water line replacement work.

Contract K-2021-130 was approved by the Norman Utilities Authority (NUA) on June 18, 2021, in the amount of \$97,300 to provide engineering service for the James Garner Water Line project with Cowan Group Engineering, L.L.C. (Cowan). Amendment Number 1 to design a separate project for the water line replacement and relocation was approved on January 13, 2026. Staff opened bids June 11, 2026, and Contract K-2526-147 was approved by the Norman Utilities Authority on June 23, 2026, with Southwest Water Works, L.L.C. for the James Garner Water Line Replacement project.

DISCUSSION:

The proposed Change Order One includes the increase of existing pay items to complete a water line extension to eliminate a 2-inch line and the replacement of the 12-inch line along W Comanche Street from James Garner Blvd to S Sante Fe Avenue. The line on W Comanche

Street has experienced multiple failures and is located under paving and impacts the commercial corridor when failures occur.

The proposed change order will be funded from the Classen/Flood/RR Water Line Replacement construction account (31996683-46101; Project WA0338) which has an available balance of \$4,659,635.03 sufficient to fund the change order amount of \$264,075.00.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the NUA approve Change Order No. 1 with Southwest Water Works, L.L.C., increasing the contract by \$264,075.00 for a revised contract amount of \$2,753,085.00 for the James Garner Water Line Replacement from Duffy to Main (project WA0338).