



AGENDA ITEM COMMENTARY

MEETING NAME:	City Council
MEETING DATE:	April 15, 2024
ITEM TITLE:	Consider and take appropriate action on proposal from OJD for engineering services for Lubbock Water Connection North
STAFF INITIATOR:	Randy Criswell, City Manager

BACKGROUND:

Several months ago I asked OJD for a proposal for engineering services for the Lubbock North Water Connection. The proposal was provided, but I didn't bring it to Council for approval due to funding availability. As you will recall, we were in what I thought were the early stages of Impact Fee implementation, and I believed it would only be two or three more months until we completed implementation of Impact Fees and the subsequent debt issuances to move forward with our CIP. Because the Lubbock North interconnect is time sensitive and needs to be complete by June 2026, it is my recommendation we proceed with this design and designate the cost be paid from fund balance with the intent to reimburse this cost back to fund balance when we finally issue the appropriate debt.

I've discussed this with Michael Adams of OJD, and he tells me he believes they can have the design work done within 6 months of receiving approval, with the intent of moving straight into construction phase after that.

The proposal is for a total amount of \$150,000 and is attached.

EXHIBITS:

OJD Proposal for Engineering and Surveying Services

COUNCIL ACTION/STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the proposal and authorization for OJD to proceed immediately.