



## AGENDA ITEM COMMENTARY

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<b>MEETING NAME:</b>	City Council
<b>MEETING DATE:</b>	September 16, 2024
<b>ITEM TITLE:</b>	Report - update on significant projects
<b>STAFF INITIATOR:</b>	Randy Criswell, City Manager

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### BACKGROUND:

Pardon the cliché but “we’re cooking now”; we’re about to start really making some progress on our Capital Improvements Plan. At tonight’s Council meeting, you’ll adopt Water Impact Fees and water rates that have been built around the ability to service the debt associated with our Capital Improvements Plan. You’ve also recently approved the required notice for the issuance of Certificates of Obligation (CO’s) for an amount not to exceed \$14 million. Those funds are expected to be delivered on Wednesday October 30, and considering that we’re working at full speed to get our projects started. Here is an update on where we stand with our CIP.

- Elevated Storage Tank. This project is ready for bid. I have instructed our engineering team that I want this project out for bid in time to solicit and evaluate bids prior to the November 4 Council meeting, in which I intend to bring you a recommendation for a bid award. This project is estimated at \$6.5 million.
- Water Distribution Lines. We are preparing to obtain pricing for the distribution piping necessary for the construction of three individual projects: 1) Loop 88 East connecting piping; 2) Tank #3 dedicated 12” fill line; and 3) 12-inch distribution piping for connection of the new Elevated Storage Tank. These projects are estimated at a total cost of \$2.5 million.
- Loop 88 East water supply. OJD continues to work with Loop 88 on development of a plan for well construction. Plans have been submitted to TCEQ for review of the project. Piping design is complete and could go under construction anytime. This project is estimated at \$1 million.
- LBK North water interconnect. Currently at TCEQ under review. I asked OJD to prepare a final set of plans for the tank and booster pump, and when that’s ready, I’ll bring it to the City Council for discussion. There are two big concerns I have. The first is the timing; I want the Lubbock North connection online by June 2024. The second is I want to make sure we construct the ground storage tank in a way that the aesthetics are acceptable to the neighborhood. Estimated cost of this project is \$2 million.

These are the critical path projects. In the meantime, we’ll be working toward being ready for the second issuance of debt, which will occur around this time next year.

Based on discussions with our engineers, we will reduce the amount for CO issuance to \$12.75 million, just FYI.

No action necessary; this is only a report.