AGENDA DATE: January 28, 2020

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Engineering Division, Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Professional Services Agreement With Water Systems Consulting For Construction Support Services For The Fiscal Year 2020 Wastewater Main Rehabilitation Project

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council authorize the Public Works Director to execute a professional services agreement with Water Systems Consulting, Inc. in the amount of $88,960 for construction support services for the Fiscal Year 2020 Wastewater Main Rehabilitation Project, and authorize the Public Works Director to approve expenditures of up to $10,675 to cover any additional costs that may result from necessary changes to the scope of work.

DISCUSSION:

Background

The City of Santa Barbara owns and operates 257 miles of municipal wastewater collection system. The City uses an asset management program to help manage this infrastructure. This program includes performing routine inspection on sewer mains and manholes, prioritizing damaged sewer mains and manholes for rehabilitation and repair based on inspection results, and performing the necessary rehabilitation and repairs to bring the infrastructure to a good state of repair. Each year, at least 1% of the collection system is rehabilitated as part of the annual rehabilitation capital program.

Project Description

On June 26, 2018, Council authorized a contract for Wastewater Main Rehabilitation design services. Wastewater Main Rehabilitation Project with Water Systems Consulting, Inc. (WSC). WSC was selected as part of an advertised Request for Proposals process in July 2017. WSC has completed the design tasks for this project, which will rehabilitate approximately 2.7 miles of the wastewater collection system. The construction project was publicly advertised, and a bid opening was held on December 12, 2019. A maintenance and repair contract for construction will be issued to the lowest responsive bidder in January 2020.
Staff recommends that Council authorize the Public Works Director to execute a contract with WSC in the amount of $88,960 for construction support services and $10,675 for potential extra services, for a total contract amount of $99,635.

Design services during construction are typically requested of the designer due to the technical nature of the work and the need for input and clarification of the design during the construction phase. These services include review of submittals, clarifications for requests for information, meeting attendance, review and approval of video inspections and completed work, and record drawings upon completion of construction. WSC has provided a reasonable proposal to supply these support services and is experienced in this type of work.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

There are sufficient appropriated funds in the Wastewater Capital Fund to cover these costs. Staff anticipates to award a maintenance and repair purchase order for construction in January 2020.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:

The Fiscal Year 2020 Wastewater Main Rehabilitation Project is exempt under CEQA Section § 15302 (c). A Notice of Exemption was filed with the County of Santa Barbara on July 24, 2019.

WATER COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

This item was presented to the Water Commission at its meeting on December 19, 2019, and the Commission voted X-X in support of staff’s recommendations.

A copy of the contract/agreement is available for public review in the City Clerk’s Office.

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