



Agenda Item Report

Legislative Board: City Council
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ITEM TITLE: Deliberation and possible action to award Bid #26-074 to MA Smith Contracting Co, Inc for the Sunfield Effluent Force Main for \$10,297,627.75, authorize the City Manager to execute said contract, and to authorize the City Manager to execute potential change orders to the contract, not to exceed the amount permitted under state law, including authority to approve individual change orders increasing or decreasing the contract price by \$50,000 or less, provided that the cumulative total of all change orders shall not increase or decrease the original contract amount by more than twenty-five percent (25%) (Public Works Director Blair Murski, P.E.) [PUBLIC TESTIMONY]

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Consider award of contract for the Sunfield Effluent Forcemain.

2. BACKGROUND/HISTORY

This project will consist of installing approximately 16,370 LF of 24-inch and 30-inch diameter PVC effluent force main/gravity sewer pipeline, approximately 1,530 LF of 24" HDPE pipe, and other construction including manholes and appurtenances, utility adjustments, traffic control, erosion and sediment control, and site restoration. A portion of the work is located within both Union Pacific Railroad and TxDOT right-of-way. The force main will carry the treated Effluent from the wastewater treatment plant to the Plum Creek basin via a discharge location in the Sunfield MUD. Bonds were issued in 2017 to finance the project along with 2021 CO bonds.

This project is necessary to complement the City's expansion of the wastewater treatment plant completed in 2022. TCEQ granted the City a discharge permit of up to 2.0 mgd at the current discharge location near Robert S. Light Blvd. Due to capacity limitations, the City negotiated a second discharge location within Sunfield. Per the agreement with Sunfield, Sunfield granted easements to the City for the line in exchange for the right to use whatever water is discharged. Without the completion of this project, the City's WWTP is limited on the amount it can discharge even though the plant has capacity to treat 3.5 mgd.

A portion of this line was installed as part of the Main Street reconstruction project in 2021 so that the newly constructed portion of Main Street would not be disturbed.

3. ANALYSIS

The City received ten (10) proposals ranging from \$9,959,098.00 to \$13,971,868.70. The City's proposal review committee evaluated each proposer's relevant experience and references independently, providing their score, which was averaged with the other reviewers' scores and added to the points scored for the Cost Proposal. The complete proposer matrix with scoring is included in the attachments. At the same time, our design team reviewed the proposal and certified the bid tabulation to confirm there were no miscalculations, with the full bid tab provided in the attachments.

4. FINANCIAL IMPACT

The recommendation of MA Smith Contracting Co, Inc to construct the Sunfield Effluent Force Main project (WW-16) for \$10,297,627.75 is under the available funds on this project (\$10,780,599).

5. STRATEGIC PLAN/GOALS

BALANCED AND INTENTIONAL GROWTH

6. STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVES

Secure long-term water supply with an effective water conservation system and expanded water reuse system

7. PROS AND CONS

Pros: This contract value is under the Engineer's Opinion of Probable Construction Cost. There was great representation and competitive bidding with 10 proposals received. Completion of this project will provide the City with the additional effluent discharge point that is necessary for the expanded wastewater treatment plant to reach the full capacity.

8. ALTERNATIVES

Negotiate with the second highest rated proposal.

9. REQUESTED ACTION / SUGGESTED MOTION / RECOMMENDATION

Approve to award MA Smith Contracting Co, Inc for the Sunfield Effluent Forcemain Project \$10,297,627.75, and to authorize the City Manager to execute said contract, and any potential change orders associated with the contract, not to exceed the amount permitted under state law.

Attachments:

[26-074 Effluent Force Main - Partially Executed.pdf](#)

[26-074 - WWTP 24 EFFLUENT FORCE MAIN - Scoring Summary.pdf](#)

[Presentation - Sunfield Effluent Forcemain Award Mar 2026.pdf](#)

[Engineer of Record - Recommendation Letter 031226.pdf](#)