



Staff Report

AGENDA ITEM REPORT

DATE: March 23, 2026

SUBMITTED BY: Courtney Sladek, Administration

ITEM TYPE: Resolutions

AGENDA SECTION: CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON

SUBJECT: Resolution R2026-18 Authorizing the Construction of Waterline Improvements Along East Jackson Street, Authorizing the Engagement of Ram Rod Utilities, LLC for Said Work in the amount of \$283,269.17, and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute All Necessary Agreements

BACKGROUND:

The City Council is being asked to consider Resolution R2026-18, authorizing a construction services agreement with Ram Rod Utilities, LLC for waterline improvements along the East Jackson corridor as part of the Project Big Red infrastructure extension. The City Development Corporation (CDC) has approved full funding for this project in the amount of \$283,269.17.

This project will remove an aging and unreliable 6-inch asbestos cement (AC) waterline located within rear easements and replace it with upgraded infrastructure designed to meet current commercial standards. The improvements will enhance system reliability, improve water quality, and increase fire flow capacity.

Ram Rod Utilities, LLC has been identified as the contractor to perform the work based on their experience and ongoing work within the City's utility system, including previous phases of the East Jackson improvements. The scope includes installation of new waterline infrastructure, associated service connections, and necessary appurtenances to support both existing and future commercial users.

Completion of this project will:

- Eliminate outdated infrastructure that presents maintenance and reliability concerns

- Improve service to existing businesses along the corridor
- Increase system capacity and fire protection capabilities
- Support future commercial development by removing infrastructure constraints

Fiscal Impact: The total project cost is \$283,269.17 and will be funded 100% by the City Development Corporation, if approved by Council. There is no impact to the City's General Fund or utility fund balances.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Staff recommends approval of Resolution R2026-18 authorizing the construction services agreement with Ram Rod Utilities, LLC and authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents to complete the East Jackson waterline improvements.

ATTACHMENTS:

[Resolution No 2026-18 Authroizing Water Lines East Jackon Extension.pdf](#)