

**Agenda Item:** 2.c

**Meeting Date:** December 4, 2025

## **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** City Commission

**Through:** Jennifer K. Bramley, City Manager

**From:** Clay Watkins

**Date:** 2025-11-18

**Subject:** Ratification of an Emergency Purchase Order issued to Cacique Utilities, LLC, for emergency repairs to a 20-inch diameter watermain located within the right-of-way of Causeway Blvd, west of the Tide Relief Bridge, in the amount of \$88,567.04.

**Presenter(s):** Alejandro "Alex" Gonzalez, Engineer II, Engineering Division; and Mike Blanton, Water Distribution Manager, Utilities Department

**Staff Recommendation:** "After-the-Fact" Ratification of an Emergency Purchase Order (PO) issued to Cacique Utilities, LLC, of Lake Worth, FL, in the amount of \$88,567.04, for the emergency repair of the 20-inch watermain failure along Causeway Blvd, west of the Tide Relief Bridge.

**Strategic Themes:** Infrastructure, Planning & Growth

**Boards & Committees:** N / A

**Budget Impact:** Funding is available in the Utilities Budget, under Water Repair & Maintenance, in Acct. #441-5166-533-054610-WU.

**Past Action:** 1.) Emergency Purchase Order (PO #260317), dated November 17, 2025, issued to Cacique Utilities, LLC, in the amount \$88,567.04; and  
2.) On February 4, 2025, the Commission ratified an Emergency Purchase Order (PO #250445) issued to TLC Diversified, Inc., for emergency repairs to a 20-inch diameter watermain located within the right-of-way of Causeway Blvd, near the Tide Relief Bridge, in the amount of \$75,157.18, (under Agenda Item #2.c.).

**Next Action:** In-house Utilities and Engineering staff will evaluate the existing 20" WM along Causeway Blvd., and program for a future Capital Improvements Project, if deemed necessary.

**Attachments:** [A. Emergency Repair Authorization Memo - Causeway WM](#)

[Repairs \(dated 11-13-25\).pdf](#)  
[B. Emergency WM Repair on Causeway Blvd - \(Email, Initial Quote, dated 10-29-25\).pdf](#)  
[C. Cacique Utilities Final Invoice #251107-01 \(dated 11-7-25\).pdf](#)  
[D. Cswy WM Repair Photos.pdf](#)  
[E. PBWN & Rescission - Causeway Blvd - WM Repairs \(W side of Tide Relief Bridge\).pdf](#)  
[F. Cacique Emergency PO #260317.pdf](#)

**Background:**

On the morning of Monday October 27, 2025, City of Dunedin Water Distribution crews responded to a reported potable water main leak. The leak was discovered in the grass area along the north side of the right-of-way of Causeway Blvd, west of the Tide Relief Bridge before Royal Stewart Arms and Honeymoon Island State Park. Pinellas County was notified, and construction barriers were set up to ensure the safety of the public. The leak was located on the existing 20" HDPE Potable Watermain, on a fused pipe seam at a 20" to 18" Reducer Flanged Fitting. Due to the material, and diameter sizing of the existing water main, in an effort to avoid line failure and loss of service, it became necessary to utilize the services of an experienced, adequately equipped utility contractor to complete the emergency repairs in a timely manner.

City Staff first contacted Rowland, a Utility General Contractor, to investigate and evaluate the Water Main leak onsite during the evening of Monday October 27th. The configuration of the watermain at that specific location required specialty fittings because of the transition of materials, from 20" diameter HDPE watermain to 18" Ductile Iron Valve, then transition again to a 18" diameter C900 PVC Water main. On Tuesday October 28th, Rowland informed the City they did not have prompt availability of personnel to immediately repair the water main. The City subsequently contacted Cacique Utilities, an experienced underground utilities contractor presently contracted with the City for the Virginia Street Watermain Replacement Project #512401. Cacique's Utilities Superintendent met City staff onsite late that afternoon to examine the extent of the necessary repairs. Cacique provided a initial prospective quote of approximately \$85,000 on Wednesday October 28th after fully exposing the watermain.

As such, staff contacted the Deputy City Manager, Jorge Quintas, P.E., who authorized the issuance of a verbal Emergency Authorization to Cacique Utilities, LLC, in order to assist with the necessary repairs. The Deputy City Manager subsequently informed the City Manager, and other department heads of the emergency actions being taken in order to effectuate the required repairs to prevent the roadway from collapse should pipe failure occur.

Cacique Utilities mobilized crews on Wednesday October 28th to perform exploratory investigations on the leak. Along with the City's Water Distribution and Engineering Division staff, the pipe materials and sizes were confirmed and a plan to properly repair the pipe with available components was devised. City staff directed Cacique Utilities to expand their repairs to include an additional fitting for better future protection and strengthening of the water main. City staff remained onsite overnight to monitor the leak and provide emergency valve shut-off capabilities should it become necessary to protect the roadway from collapse.

On the morning of Thursday October 29th, Cacique Utilities began the repairs to the watermain. A Precautionary Boil Water Notice was issued to the residents west of the break and Honeymoon Island on Thursday October 29th (see attached), as the existing water main had to be turned off to complete the repairs. At 7:32pm on October 29th the watermain was re-energized and potable water was restored to the Royal Stewart Arms apartment and Honeymoon Island State Park.

As these necessary repairs have been completed, approval of an Emergency Purchase Order (PO #260317) issued to Cacique Utilities, LLC, of Lake Worth, FL, in the amount of \$88,567.04 is being brought before the Commission to be formally ratified "After-the-Fact", in compliance with the City's Purchasing Policy, as detailed herein.