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**Meeting Date:**

January 22, 2026

## **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** City Commission

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

**From:** Clay Watkins

**Date:** 2026-01-15

**Subject:** Award a Multi-Year Continuing Services Contract of Bid #25-2542 - Stormwater & Sanitary Sewer Cured-in-Place-Pipe (CIPP) Lining, to Vortex Services, LLC, as indicated in the Budget Impact Section.

**Presenter(s):** Clayton "Clay" T. Watkins, P.E., Director of Utilities & Engineering

**Staff Recommendation:** Motion for Commission award of a Multi-Year Continuing Services Contract of Bid #25-2542 - Stormwater & Sanitary Sewer Cured-in-Place-Pipe (CIPP) Lining, to Vortex Services, LLC, of Riverview, FL, as indicated in the Budget Impact Section.

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

**Boards & Committees:** N / A

**Budget Impact:** Funds for this project are budgeted under Project numbers: #529904 and #530203, in Account #441-5266-535-056301-WU (Water/Wastewater) & Account #443-5300-538-054610-SU (Stormwater). Separate Task Orders will be issued, subject to Commission approval, for construction-related activities based on the City Purchasing and Delegated Authority processes. The Wastewater Collection CIP project has a FY26 budget of \$1 million, and \$1.5 million per fiscal year thereafter for CIPP re-lining. The Public Works Stormwater pipe lining project has a FY26 CIP budget of \$1 million, and \$250,000 per fiscal year thereafter.

**Past Action:** N / A

**Next Action:** Utilities and Public Works staff will begin utilizing the awarded firm for City-wide pipe re-lining initiatives, and issue Task Orders for Wastewater or Stormwater projects subject to Commission approval of award recommendation.

**Attachments:**

[A. Purchasing Memo for Bid #25-2542 Sanitary & Stormwater Sewer CIPP Lining Contract.pdf](#)  
[B. Bid Tabulation Bid #25-2542.pdf](#)  
[C. Bid Submittal Vortex Services, LLC.PDF](#)

**Background:**

The City of Dunedin owns and operates a wastewater collection system within the City limits and areas of unincorporated Pinellas County. In an effort to protect and preserve the City's sewer collection system, prevent Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSO's), reduce inflow and infiltration (I&I) into the system, and protect the natural environment, the Wastewater Collections Division has enacted an annual sewer lining program using Cured-In-Place Pipe (CIPP) lining technology.

Similarly, the Public Works Stormwater Division has an annual re-lining program using the same CIPP technology. The Public Works Department maintains an extensive Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) that conveys stormwater runoff to its intended outfall. The MS4 contains a variety of conveyance pipes, consisting of different materials, sizing, and configurations.

Installing a CIPP liner can help add up to 50 years or more of service life to an existing gravity stormwater or sewer pipe. This is a time saving and cost effective method to restore and rehabilitate existing pipelines. The CIPP technology does not require excavation and reconstruction of existing pipes because it is an "in-situ" process, meaning the curing process of the liner is contained within the pipe itself, with minimal above ground disturbances.

In previous years, the Utilities and Public Works departments would solicit CIPP project proposals as separate assignments, typically as "piggy-back" contracts, such as in Fiscal Years 2024 & 2025. The City's Engineering Division worked closely with the Utilities and Public Works departments to develop and solicit a new multi-year continuing services contract for CIPP installation services, in an effort to streamline and consolidate a singular service for two (2) different operational departments. The multi-year continuing services contract will be for an initial three (3) year term, and may be renewed for one (1) additional two-year (2yr) term subject to Commission approval.

This project was competitively advertised and bid as described in the attached Purchasing Manager's memorandum. Four (4) bids were received and evaluated. The prospective bidders submitted a cost, per pay item, and those were aggregated together for evaluation and contract award recommendation, with the lowest unit cost, totaling \$165,435. After performing a diligent evaluation, including checking references, which provided satisfactory feedback, Vortex Services, LLC, of Riverview, FL, was found to

be the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder.

Per the agreement, separate Task Orders will be issued, subject to Commission approval, for construction-related activities based on available budgets, and the City Purchasing and Delegated Authority processes. The Wastewater Collection CIP project has a yearly budget of \$1 million for CIPP re-lining, and \$1.5 million per fiscal year thereafter for CIPP re-lining. Public Works Stormwater has a FY26 CIP budget of \$1 million, and \$250,000 per fiscal year thereafter.

As such, staff hereby recommends award of Bid #25-2542 for a Multi-Year Continuing Services Contract for Stormwater & Sanitary Sewer CIPP Lining, to Vortex Services, LLC, of Riverview, FL, as detailed herein.