

Agenda Item: 3.d

Meeting Date: October 8, 2026

MEMORANDUM

To: City Commission

Through: Jennifer K. Bramley, City Manager

From: Clayton Watkins

Date: 2026-09-24

Subject: First Written Amendment to the Agreement with TLC Diversified, Inc., for Bid #26-2613 for the replacement of the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Return Activated Sludge (RAS), Waste Activated Sludge (WAS) and Filter Feed Pumps Replacement Project. There is no cost associated with this Amendment, which adds required newly adopted State Statute language.

Presenter(s): Alejandro Gonzalez, P.E., Engineer III; Clayton "Clay" T. Watkins, P.E., Director Utilities & Engineering; and Jennifer R. Cowan, City Attorney

Staff Recommendation: Motion to approve and execute the First Written Amendment to the Agreement with TLC Diversified, Inc., for Bid #26-2613 for the replacement of the WWTP - RAS, WAS, and Filter Feed Pumps Replacement Project, previously awarded on July 23, 2026, in the amount of \$1,955,810. There is no cost associated with this Amendment, which adds required newly adopted State Statute language.

Strategic Themes: Infrastructure, Planning & Growth

Boards & Committees: N / A

Budget Impact: Funds for this project are budgeted in the Water / Wastewater Utility Fund, in Acct. #441-5265-535-056301-WU, under Project #552404.

Past Action: 1.) March 19, 2024 - Commission awarded a General Engineering Consultant (GEC) Service Task Assignment to Ardurra Group, Inc., under Agenda Item #2.c.; and
2.) July 23, 2026 - Commission awarded Bid #26-2613 for the replacement of the WWTP - RAS, WAS, and Filter Feed Pumps Replacement Project, in the amount of \$1,955,810, under Agenda Item #3.e.

Next Action:	Execution of the First Written Amendment to the Agreement between the City and TLC Diversified, Inc., subject to Commission approval of staff recommendation.
Attachments:	A. TLC Diversified Executed Agreement for 26-2613 WWTP RAS, WAS, Filter Feed Pumps Replacement Project B. TLC Diversified Inc. First Amendment for Execution.pdf
Background:	The City of Dunedin's Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) is equipped with three (3) sets of critical pumps that circulate the wastewater throughout the plant as part of the treatment processes. The three (3) sets of pumps are: the Return Activated Sludge (RAS), Waste Activated Sludge (WAS), and the Filter Feed pumps. The RAS pumps re-circulate wastewater once past the clarifiers, to the biological treatment basins. The WAS pumps transfer the wastewater for dewatering and sludge removal. Lastly, the Filter Feed pumps transfer wastewater to the Denitrification Filters, which continue the treatment process, ultimately producing Reclaimed Water for distribution. In 2024, WWTP staff became aware some of the RAS and WAS pumps repair parts are becoming obsolete by the pump manufacturer, and thus now difficult to obtain. As a result, should those now obsolete pumps fail, staff would be unable to perform repairs and the WWTP would cease to operate properly. For these reasons, this project was included in the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) approved by Commission, and funded as the WWTP - RAS, WAS, and Filter Feed Pump Replacement Project. Subsequently, the Commission awarded a Task Assignment to one of the City's (GEC) General Engineering Services Consultants, Ardurra Group, Inc., to provide design, permitting, and construction management services for the replacement of the three (3) referenced sets of pumps. The Engineering Construction Plans were completed in March 2026. The project (Bid #26-2613) was subsequently competitively advertised for bids. Eight (8) bids were received, ranging in cost from \$1,955,810 to \$2,977,585. City staff, as well as the Engineer of Record (EOR), reviewed all of the bids and determined TLC Diversified, Inc., to be the lowest cost, responsive, and responsibly bidder, in the amount of \$1,955,810. The Commission awarded Bid #26-2613 to TLC Diversified, Inc., at their July 23, 2026 regular meeting. A First Amendment to the Agreement has been issued to address the changes in Florida Statutes, effective July 1, 2026, regarding contractor certifications related to terrorist organization designations, restrictions on the use of City funds for net zero policies, and prohibitions on using City funds to support diversity,

equity, and inclusion activities.

As such, staff hereby recommends approval and execution of the First Amendment to the Agreement between the City and TLC Diversified, Inc., of Palmetto, FL, for Bid #26-2613, as detailed herein.