



Agenda Item No: 1.h

PLACENTIA CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: May 5, 2026

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From: Public Works

Subject:

AWARD OF CONTRACT TO HOUSTON AND HARRIS INC. FOR SEWER MAINTENANCE SERVICES

Financial Impact:

EXPENSE: \$384,236.20 TOTAL COST FOR SERVICES (402-80600-6001)

Summary:

The City's current Agreement for sewer maintenance services expired on May 4, 2026. The City issued a Notice Inviting Bids for these services on April 9, 2026, and bids were received on April 23, 2026, from five (5) contractors. The lowest responsive and responsible bid was received from Houston and Harris PCS, Inc. ("Houston and Harris"). This action will award a three-year agreement to Houston & Harris for sewer maintenance services as directed by the City in an amount not to exceed \$384,236.20 per year or a cumulative three-year contract for an amount not to exceed \$1,152,708.60. The term of the agreement is three (3) years, with the option to extend it for one (1) two-year term, based on contractor performance and at the City's discretion.

Recommended Action:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Approve a Professional Services Agreement with Houston and Harris PCS, Inc. for sewer maintenance services in an amount not-to-exceed \$384,236.20 per year for an initial three (3) year contract term with the option to extend for one (1) additional two-year term; and
2. Authorize the City Administrator and/or her designee to execute all necessary documents, in a form approved by the City Attorney; and
3. Authorize the City Administrator to approve contract amendments up to 10% of the initial three-year contract amount, or \$115,270.86; and
4. Authorize the City Administrator to approve the eligible contract term extension based upon contractor performance and at the discretion of the City.

Strategic Plan Statement:

Awarding this contract aligns with Strategic Goal No. 3: Infrastructure, Facilities & Public Spaces by maintaining our public facilities.

Discussion:

The City currently uses a contractor to provide sewer cleaning and sewer line closed-circuit television (CCTV) services throughout the City's sewer utility system. The contractor shall serve on an on-call basis and the service contract scope of work includes the annual flushing of 372,246 linear feet of sewer lines, CCTV inspection of interior sewer lines, and after-hours emergency response. The current agreement expires on May 4, 2026. Prior to that, staff issued a Notice Inviting Bids on April 9, 2026 to continue providing these services. On April 23, 2026, the City received five (5) bids from contractors qualified to provide these services. The following provides the bid amounts received from each contractor:

1. Houston and Harris: \$384,236.20
2. Empire Cleaning: \$439,871.38
3. Mattucci Plumbing Incorporated: \$613,647.47
4. Downstream Services: \$729,716.88
5. Pipe Tech Inc.: \$792,131.00

Houston and Harris have provided sewer maintenance services to Placentia for the past ten (10) years and has performed exceptionally throughout their contract. Additionally, Houston and Harris provide sewer maintenance services to several other Orange County cities, including Newport Beach, Orange, Santa Ana, and Buena Park. Based upon Houston and Harris's extensive experience, prior success in delivering these services to Placentia, and the bid amount received, Houston and Harris has been identified as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. As such, Staff recommends awarding a contract to Houston and Harris for these services.

Financial Summary:

The agreement with Houston and Harris is for an annual not-to-exceed amount of \$384,236.20. The term of the agreement is for three (3) years for a cumulative three-year not-to-exceed contract amount of \$1,152,708.60 with the option to extend for one (1) additional two-year term based upon contractor performance and at the discretion of the City. Funding for sewer maintenance services has been approved in the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Operating Budget, with \$285,500 allocated to the Sewer Maintenance Account No. 402-80600-6001. No General Fund dollars will be utilized for these services.

Attachments

[Houston and Harris Sewer Agreement 2026.pdf](#)