



Weatherford City Council

AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: April 12, 2022

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Item Number: 2022-188-AR

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SUBJECT: Consider approval of Resolution R2022-04 authorizing the filing of eminent domain proceedings for the purpose of obtaining the necessary easements for construction and maintenance of a wastewater lift station and pipelines, and for other public purposes permitted by law.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

The City of Weatherford Municipal Utility Board has approved a construction contract for a new wastewater lift station and pipelines to provide wastewater service to areas on the west side of the city. This project is identified in the City's Wastewater Master Plan, and was included in the annexation service plan for previously annexed areas along and south of Interstate 20. In addition, located along the Sanchez Creek drainage basin, this project is capable of serving areas north of Interstate 20 as well.

This project does require multiple easements for construction. City staff, and the City's consultant, have communicated with the property owner during the design process and through the easement acquisition process. Thus far, the City has been unable to reach an agreement with the property owners for what City staff consider to be a fair and reasonable offer. City staff have obtained an appraisal for the necessary easements, prepared by a licensed appraiser; have issued an Initial Offer Letter; have attempted to negotiate an agreement; and later issued a Final Offer Letter to the owners. Staff do not believe that a fair and reasonable agreement can be reached, and are requesting City Council's approval of Resolution R2022-04 to initiate eminent domain proceedings.

SUGGESTED ACTION

Staff recommends that the City Council authorize the use of the power of eminent domain to acquire the easements described in Resolution No. R2022-04.

ATTACHMENTS

- [20220412_CC_Resolution Authorizing Eminent Domain_R2022-04.pdf](#)