



MEMORANDUM

Council Agenda
Item No. X. O
4/22/2025

The City of OKLAHOMA CITY

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Craig Freeman, City Manager

Concurrence with the Oklahoma City Water Utilities Trust in adopting a Resolution ratifying the actions of the General Manager in declaring an emergency, waiving competitive bidding, and soliciting informal competitive bids; and authorizing the General Manager or designee to receive and open bids and to award and approve contracts with the lowest responsible bidders, not to exceed \$2,000,000 per contract, for the performance of emergency waterline and water service repairs to address the ongoing discovery of an extraordinarily high number of leaks and breaks from the extreme winter weather; and directing the General Manager or designee to prepare specifications to advertise for bids for annual on-call contracts for waterline and water service repairs.

Background:

This past winter, central Oklahoma had an extended stretch of extreme cold dry weather. The extreme weather caused a surge in the number of waterline and water service leaks and breaks. Waterline leaks and breaks cause damage to City and OCWUT assets, private and public property, waste of water resources, loss of water pressure, and reduced firefighting capacity and protection.

On January 14, 2025, OCWUT ratified the actions of the General Manager in declaring an emergency and approving bidding documents to award Pricing Agreements with Cimarron Construction Company, LLC (OCWUT00091) and Southwest Water Works, LLC (OCWUT00092) to perform repair services on approximately 200 waterline leaks in the Oklahoma City water system which required immediate repair to stop or reduce water loss and damage to City and/or private property for an estimated cost of \$1,000,000.

Due to the extensive nature of the waterline breaks, additional funding was necessary to address the remaining 200 waterline leaks. On February 11, 2025, OCWUT approved an increase in funding from \$1,000,000 to \$2,500,000. Over the past several months, Utilities staff has had an additional 300 reported waterline leaks and breaks in the Oklahoma City water system. The ongoing discovery of additional waterline leaks and breaks continues to rise at a rate that is beyond the resources of the Utilities staff, thereby creating an emergency need for additional waterline repair services.

The General Manager declared an emergency to exist. The General Manager waived competitive bidding and solicited informal competitive bids from prequalified bidders for waterline and water service repair contracts, each with a not to exceed amount of \$2,000,000. This amount is estimated to be sufficient for performing 200 work orders and addressing the emergency, pending the formal competitive bidding of an annual on-call contract for future waterline and water service repairs, as needed.

Staff has begun drafting specifications for the solicitation of annual on-call waterline repair contracts, which will be formally competitively bid and awarded.

Estimated Annual Cost:

\$4,000,000

Source of Funds:

OCWUT-Water Line Maintenance-W Line General-Outsourced Repairs (6010-3990402-W6102-52340001)

Review:

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Recommendation: Concur with the Oklahoma City Water Utilities Trust in adopting the Resolution.