



# MEMORANDUM

Council Agenda  
Item No. X. S  
4/9/2024

## 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 issuing Emergency Purchase Order No. 01182024SMK09; and authorizing payments for services and equipment until the emergency is resolved, estimated cost \$75,000.

**Location:**

4201 Northwest 206th Street

**Purpose:**

To ratify the actions of the General Manager in declaring an emergency, waiving competitive bidding, issuing emergency purchase orders, and authorize payments.

**Justification:**

To complete an emergency bypass and stop the sanitary sewer manhole overflow.

**Background:**

During routine inspection of a creek crossing and lift station, a Utilities Line Maintenance crew identified a City of Oklahoma City (City) sanitary sewer manhole overflowing approximately one quarter mile north of NW 206th Street and one quarter mile west of North Portland Avenue on January 18, 2024, resulting in an imminent public health, safety, and welfare emergency.

During the assessment, it was determined that the cause of the City manhole overflow was the Villagio Lift Station (Lift Station) which is a privately owned asset located at 4201 Northwest 206th Street, Edmond, Oklahoma. The owner/developer of the Lift Station was immediately contacted but did not have the capability to immediately respond or remediate the Lift Station mechanical failure that was causing the City manhole to overflow.

The sanitary sewer lines and manholes going to the Lift Station are part of the City's wastewater system, and the line from the Lift Station is part of the City's wastewater system but the Lift Station is privately operated.

Rental equipment and services for the Lift Station were immediately necessary for the bypass pumping and to stop the sanitary sewer overflow. There were no existing on-call contracts for the equipment and services needed to address this emergency; therefore, emergency purchase orders

were issued. Utilities Lift Station crews set up a bypass pump which stopped the manhole from overflowing and prevented additional environmental impact and public health concerns. The owner/developer was updated as to the status and solutions and Utilities Wastewater Quality continues to work with the owner/developer on repairing the nonoperational pumps. Utilities Line Maintenance and Utilities Wastewater Quality completed all required reporting to the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality and the General Manager of The Oklahoma City Water Utilities Trust is authorized to declare emergencies and immediately act to address public health, safety, and welfare.

**Source of Funds:**

OCWUT-Water Facility Fund (Capital)-Water Trust Capital-Lift Stations General-Construction in Progress (360-3060-3901600-07300-54040007)

**Review:**

Utilities Department

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