

**RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE ACTIONS OF THE
GENERAL MANAGER IN WAIVING FORMAL
COMPETITIVE BIDDING, APPROVING THE INFORMAL
BIDDING DOCUMENTS, SOLICITING INFORMAL
COMPETITIVE BIDS, AND AWARDING EMERGENCY
CONTRACTS TO CIMARRON CONSTRUCTION
COMPANY, LLC (OCWUT00129) AND SOUTHWEST
WATER WORKS, LLC (OCWUT00130), FOR THE
OKLAHOMA CITY WATER UTILITIES TRUST LINE
MAINTENANCE WATER MAIN SERVICE; RATIFYING
ISSUANCE OF EMERGENCY PURCHASE ORDERS; AND
APPROVING THE EMERGENCY CONTRACTS AND
BONDS.**

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma City Water Utilities Trust (OCWUT), through the Oklahoma City Utilities Department Line Maintenance Division, provides the necessary repairs for the continuous and efficient operation of the Oklahoma City water system; and

WHEREAS, The City of Oklahoma City (Oklahoma City) owns and operates, and OCWUT leases and finances the Oklahoma City water system; and

WHEREAS, on April 8, 2025, the General Manager of OCWUT declared an emergency, waiving competitive bidding, and soliciting informal competitive bids to issue emergency contracts with the lowest responsible bidder, not to exceed \$2,000,000 per contract, to perform emergency waterline and water service repairs to address the ongoing discovery of an extraordinarily high number of leaks and breaks from extreme winter weather; and

WHEREAS, currently, there are approximately 300 waterline leaks and breaks in the Oklahoma City water system which require immediate repair to stop or reduce water loss and damage to City and/or private property; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the public health, safety, and welfare that timely repairs be performed to restore the operational capacity in the Oklahoma City water system, conserve water, minimize the likelihood of damage to property, and minimize the likelihood of water leaks causing flooded streets and water loss; and

WHEREAS, the volume of repairs exceeds the Line Maintenance Division's capacity to address them in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, to ensure prompt repair of both existing and newly discovered leaks and breaks, additional labor and services from multiple contractors will be needed to supplement the Division's efforts; and

WHEREAS, the General Manager declared an emergency to exist; and

WHEREAS, informal competitive bids were solicited for the provision of unit price bids for labor and services to address 200 work orders for waterline leaks; and

WHEREAS, unit price bids for labor and services were received from two qualified bidders and emergency contracts were awarded by the General Manger to Cimarron Construction Company, LLC (OCWUT00129) and Southwest Water Works, LLC (OCWUT00130); and

WHEREAS, each have each signed emergency contracts and bonds in the amount not to exceed \$2,000,000; and

WHEREAS, this amount is estimated to be sufficient for performing 200 work orders addressing the emergency, pending the formal competitive bidding of an annual on-call contract for future waterline and water service repairs, as needed; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Trustees of the Oklahoma City Water Utilities Trust that they do hereby ratify the actions of the General Manager in waiving formal competitive bidding, approving the informal bidding documents, soliciting informal competitive bids, and awarding emergency contracts to Cimarron Construction Company, LLC (OCWUT00129) and Southwest Water Works, LLC (OCWUT00130), for the Oklahoma City Water Utilities Trust Line Maintenance water main service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Trustees of the Oklahoma City Water Utilities Trust that they do hereby ratify issuance of emergency purchase orders.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Trustees of the Oklahoma City Water Utilities Trust that they do hereby approve the emergency contracts and bonds.

ADOPTED by the Trustees and signed by the Chairman of the Oklahoma City Water Utilities Trust this 22ND day of APRIL, 2025.

ATTEST:

**OKLAHOMA CITY WATER
UTILITIES TRUST**

Amy K. Simpson
SECRETARY



Joe C. Cook
CHAIRMAN

CONCURRED by the Council and signed by the Mayor of The City of Oklahoma City this 6TH day of MAY, 2025.

ATTEST:

THE CITY OF OKLAHOMA CITY

Amy K. Simpson
CITY CLERK



David Holt
MAYOR

REVIEWED for form and legality.

Frank Mason
ASSISTANT MUNICIPAL COUNSELOR