

City of South Daytona
Office of the City Manager

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MEMORANDUM

To: James L. Gillis Jr., City Manager
From: Adam Thornton, Public Works Director
Re: Consideration of waiving the formal bidding requirements and approving a contract with Thadcon in the amount of \$72,470 for the installation of a permanent stormwater pump in the lake of Reed Canal Park as budgeted in the current fiscal year
Date: November 25, 2024

The City received a grant from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) to install a permanent, electrical stormwater pump to more effectively maintain the water level of the lake located inside Reed Canal Park. Since this lake is the ultimate outfall for the Orchards Phase II subdivision which experienced flooding during both Hurricane Ian and Hurricane Milton, time is of the essence on this project.

After the City received the grant, we began making contact with prospective contractors to complete the installation as the City has already purchased the pump and accepted delivery of it. Several contractors were contacted to see their availability. After discussing the installation with several contractors, all were months out and estimated the installation to be in excess of \$200,000, which is more than the grant allowed.

The Public Works Department realized that we could perform some of the installation duties ourselves, like the electrical connection with our in-house electrician, to save money on the installation. We reached back out to several prospective contractors and they were not keen on working with City staff to complete the installation.

We were able to reach out to a contractor who we have worked with in the past, Thadcon, who understood our predicament and was happy to work with us in completing the installation. Thadcon is the contractor who successfully constructed the Lantern Park Bridge for the City several years ago and staff is confident that we could work with them to install this pump without issue. The proposal from Thadcon, attached for your review, totals \$72,470 to complete the installation with the City's assistance, which is within the allotted grant amount.

Knowing that time is of the essence for this project as it will provide flooding relief to the Orchards Phase II subdivision and the fact that we are having trouble finding a contractor who will work alongside the City to complete the installation, staff is requesting to waive the formal bidding procedures and award a contract to Thadcon for the installation.

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The City’s purchasing procedures state that the City Council may waive formal bidding requirements where solicitation of bids is deemed not to be in the best interest of the City taking into consideration cost, delivery time, prior dealings with the contractor and other considerations as deemed appropriate by the City Council.

Given the fact that Thadcon’s proposal is substantially less than the verbal quotes provided by other contractors, their willingness to work alongside City staff to complete the project within the allotted grant amount, their availability as they want to begin the installation next week and the fact that we have had successful prior experiences with this contractor, staff believes these meet the criteria and intent of the requirements necessary for the City Council to waive the formal bidding procedures.

If the City Council waives the formal bidding requirements and awards the contract to Thadcon, the installation of the stormwater pump will begin next week and is estimated to be completed within two months (February 2025).



LUMP SUM PROPOSAL

Reed Canal Pond Improvements

Attention: Adam Thornton, Public Works Director – City of South Daytona

We propose to furnish all labor, material, equipment, supervision, and insurance to perform the following work as generally depicted by the applicable MWI Pump Drawings and the profile sketch provided by ThadCon, LLC.

The lump sum price includes:

- Mobilization/Demobilization
- Survey and contractor furnished as-built drawings
- Modifications to the existing outfall structure
- Emergency pump connection
- Custom fabrication for pump sled and standoff brackets, including painting
- Upland discharge piping, fitting, and fusing as required
- Stilling well attachment to existing pole
- Pump buoy marker and lift ring

Total lump sum proposal: **\$72,470.00**

Respectfully submitted,

Thad R. Sizemore, Jr.