

A RESOLUTION TO WAIVE FORMAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING ON THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE JEFFERSON/15TH AVENUE AREA EMERGENCY SEWER RECONSTRUCTION (SS-01-12) FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

WHEREAS, Albany Municipal Code 2.64.030 and 2.64.060(3) exempts contracts from competitive bids when an emergency exists; and

WHEREAS, the Oregon Revised Statutes waive competitive bidding on finding that:

1. It is unlikely that such exemption will encourage favoritism in the awarding of public contracts or substantially diminish competition for public contracts; and
2. The awarding of public contracts pursuant to the exemption will result in substantial cost savings to the public contracting agency; and

WHEREAS, the repair of the Jefferson/15th Avenue Area sewers must be completed as soon as possible; and

WHEREAS, staff will be soliciting three (3) competitive construction written quotes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council determined that an emergency exists based upon the memorandum attached, which is adopted by this reference as a finding document, and waives the requirement for formal competitive bidding in this instance for the CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE JEFFERSON/15TH AVENUE AREA EMERGENCY SEWER RECONSTRUCTION (SS-01-12).

DATED THIS 12TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2001.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Recorder



TO: Albany City Council

VIA: Steve Bryant, City Manager
Floyd W. Collins, Public Works Director

FROM: Diane Taniguchi-Dennis, P.E., Assistant Public Works Director/City Engineer *PSCD*
Mark W. Shepard, P.E., Assistant City Engineer

DATE: December 12, 2001, for December 12, 2001, City Council Meeting

SUBJECT: SS-01-12, Jefferson/15th Avenue Area Emergency Sewer Reconstruction

Action Requested:

Staff requests that Council, acting as the City of Albany's Contract Review Board (AMC 2.64.030 and 2.64.060(3)) and under the provisions of ORS 279, declare an emergency for the reconstruction of approximately 1,500 feet of 8-inch sanitary sewer in the vicinity of Jefferson and 15th Avenues. Further, staff requests that Council adopt the attached Resolution to authorize a waiver of the formal competitive bidding process for securing a contractor to perform the reconstruction.

Discussion:

In November of 2001, Public Works staff identified that several thousand feet of the existing 8-inch sanitary sewer is failing in the Jefferson/15th Avenue area. Exhibit "A" shows the area of the sewer failure.

The clay sewer is estimated to be about 75 years old. It is fractured in multiple locations and the sewer is subject to constant plugging. Sewer maintenance to keep the sewer from plugging to prevent sewage backups into homes can no longer be performed because the cleaning could cause a catastrophic structural collapse of the line. The sewer is located along property lines and there are several structures directly above or immediately adjacent to the line. A sewer collapse has the potential to endanger these structures. At this time, there are no other alternatives other than to reconstruct the sewer. In addition, there are no documented easements for the sewer. Staff will work with the affected property owners to obtain easements.

Initial evaluation indicates that trenchless construction utilizing the pipe bursting technology will be the most cost-effective method for reconstruction. The manholes will also need to be replaced because they were cast in place over the clay sewer and are in poor condition with separated joints. The sanitary sewer laterals will be replaced, clean-outs installed, and roof drains separated if found to be connected to the sewer. Staff will develop base plans and specifications that will be used to secure three price quotes to do the work. Staff will be completing the design and distribute the contract documents to three (3) competent contractors for written quotes. The award of contract recommendation will be presented to Council in January 2002.

Budget Impact:

The estimated cost of the repairs including ELA is \$295,000. The project will be funded from the Sewer System Capital Projects Reserve (02-454), which is currently budgeted at \$1,331,800.

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