

CITY OF COOS BAY CITY COUNCIL
Agenda Staff Report

MEETING DATE	AGENDA ITEM NUMBER
July 19, 2016	

TO: Mayor Shoji and City Councilors

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ISSUE: After the Fact Emergency Sewer Repair for the Force Main that Serves Pump Station 17

BACKGROUND:

On Tuesday morning, June 14, 2016 the City of Coos Bay experienced a sanitary sewer overflow. The overflow was caused by a deficiency in the force main that serves eastside. The deficiency was located along the bank on the east side of the Isthmus Slough Bridge. The spill was reported by an Oregon Department of Transportation Bridge Inspector. The inspector stated that he was onsite the previous day and observed no odor or evidence of a spill. With that information, it is known that the spill started sometime between Monday and Tuesday morning. Once the spill was reported it took the City wastewater crew seven minutes to respond and shut down the pump station that serves this force main and as a result stop the spill.

A sanitary sewer overflow of 12,760 gallons was been estimated and was reported to Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, Oregon Emergency Response System and Oregon Department of Agriculture. The City mobilized a construction crew (Johnson Rock) on the same day the spill was reported (Tuesday afternoon) and the repair was completed by early evening of the same day.

The City had previously identified this segment of pipe as in need of replacement due to its age. Currently the City has contracted with The Dyer Partnership to prepare plans and specifications for the replacement of this line. Due to the in-water work window it is anticipated that this project would commence in October.

For the city to staff to authorize the repair and retain the contractor's services in an expeditious manner, the city's contract rules Ordinance No. 365 does allow for a contracting method that is different than the normal approach. For projects under \$50,000, Section 11, (a) of the contracting rules applies and is provided below:

Section 11. Emergency Contracts.

(a) Emergency Contracts Under \$50,000. The Board may let public contracts without competitive procurement if an emergency exists. For the purposes of this rule, an emergency consists of circumstances creating an unforeseen and substantial risk of loss

or damage to property, a significant interruption of governmental services or a threat to public health or safety which requires prompt execution of a contract to remedy the condition.

(1) The Director may declare an emergency, which shall authorize the City to enter into an emergency contract with a price under \$50,000. The Director must make written findings describing the emergency conditions necessitating prompt execution of the contract.

(2) Any contract awarded under this exemption shall be awarded within 60 days following declaration of the emergency unless an extension is granted by the Board.

In accordance with (a) (1) above, the findings describing the emergency conditions necessitating the prompt execution of the contract are as follows:

The raw sewage has the potential to contaminate the soil around the pipe and the bay.

The cost of the repair totaled \$3,444. Staff was not able to obtain three phone quotes (which is a requirement of the City's Public Contracting Rules, Administrative Directive Number 15) due to the emergency nature of the situation.

ADVANTAGES:

Approving this procurement through the City's emergency procurement process allowed the City to meet the time constraints in place that required repairs be made as soon as possible. The timely repair minimized further damage and protected public health.

DISADVANTAGES:

Staff sees no disadvantages.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

Due to the emergency nature of the project and the ability of the contractor to mobilize the same day, it was determined to contract with Johnson Rock, on a time and material basis. Staff was on site at all times to observe and direct work. The total repair was \$3,444. The source of funds for this contract is the Wastewater Expenditures Fund, Collection Systems/Sanitary Department, and Wastewater Emergency Repairs (29-810-530-3010).

ACTION REQUESTED:

If it pleases the Council, approve the award of the invoice and procurement method for the after the fact emergency sewer repair for the Force Main that Serves Pump Station 17 for an amount not to exceed \$3,444 pursuant to the Emergency Contract rules found in Section 11 of the City of Coos Bay's Administrative Directive Number 15.