



CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager
DATE: November 14, 2016

SUBJECT: Approve a Reimbursement Agreement with Williams Partners (Texas Midstream Gas Services LLC) for costs associated with the widening of Rufe Snow in an amount not to exceed \$61,250.00.

PRESENTER: Caroline Waggoner, City Engineer

SUMMARY:

The City Council is being asked to approve an agreement with Williams Partners (formerly Texas Midstream Gas Services LLC) to pay for a protective coating on an existing 8" natural gas pipeline on either side of Rufe Snow Drive to protect their facilities.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

The City began construction on Rufe Snow Drive in May 2016. Under the terms of the City's franchise agreements, when a public street is widened it is the responsibility of the public utility to relocate their poles or equipment at their expense when those items are located within the public right-of-way (ROW). However, in the case of privately owned underground pipelines whose presence predates the widening of the road, the pipeline entities are not required to make adjustments. In this case Williams Partners is requesting reimbursement for the cost of applying a protective coating needed to shield their pipeline across the new, wider right-of-way.

The ROW is widening by approximately 30' in the vicinity of this pipeline, which crosses Rufe Snow at an angle from southeast to northwest. Because of the acute crossing angle, the pipeline requires approximately 75 feet of coating.

The current estimated cost is \$49,000.00, but the agreement allows for up to 25% additional contingencies during construction, making the total as high as \$61,250.00. City staff will be working with Williams to do everything possible to keep the costs down, and we anticipate that the work can be done within Williams' estimate, which they have stated to be conservative.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the Reimbursement Agreement with Williams Partners, L.P. (Texas Midstream Gas Services LLC) in an amount not to exceed \$61,250.00 and authorize the City Manager to execute such agreement.