



CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

From: The Office of the City Manager

Date: April 25, 2022

Subject: Consider Resolution No. 2022-021, recommending the award of a construction contract by Tarrant County to Horseshoe Construction, Inc. for the Paramount Street Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project for the 47th Annual Community Development Block Grant Project in the total contract amount of \$249,845.50.

Presenter: Nathan Frohman, City Engineer

Summary:

The City Council is being asked to recommend an award of a construction contract by Tarrant County to Horseshoe Construction, Inc. for the CIP Project identified as Paramount Street Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project (CDBG22) in the Capital Projects Budget.

General Description:

The Paramount Street Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project marks the 47th Year in which the City of North Richland Hills will participate in the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. Although the City of North Richland Hills is an entitlement city and therefore receives CDBG funds directly, the city has contracted with Tarrant County's CDBG Department to administer the city's CDBG funds. Essentially, the city determines the projects and Tarrant County administers the projects. However, the city reviews all bids and consultant contracts and makes recommendations to Tarrant County for approval. Tarrant County therefore awards both the design consultant and construction contracts. Tarrant County's administration of the city's CDBG projects does not include construction inspection; the city will provide these services.

The project consists of reconstructing approximately 2,000 linear feet of sanitary sewer main in the far southwest portion of the city. The existing sanitary sewer main is clay tile and has reached the end of its useful life. The project includes a base bid which consists of the sewer main north, west and east of Paramount Street.

Tarrant County staff reviewed and approved the project's contract documents prior to bidding and scheduled a bid opening for March 2, 2022. Bids were received by Tarrant County at their offices on this date. A total of four (4) contractors submitted bids. The bids are summarized in the table below:



Bidders	Horseshoe Construction, Inc.	A&B Construction, LLC	Excel 4 Construction, LLC	FM Utilities, LLC
Bid Amount	\$249,845.50	\$306,339.00	\$400,781.00	\$482,715.45

Although North Richland Hills has not directly hired Horseshoe Construction in the past, Tarrant County has prior experience with the low bidder on projects of similar scope and size. In addition, we checked their references with other governmental entities, all of whom have awarded similar projects to this contractor and have positive experiences to share. Because the project low bid came in approximately \$63,600 below the CDBG construction budget amount, city staff is working with Tarrant County to expand the limits of the current project to make full use of the available funding. Once the scope has been revised and agreed to by the contractor, a change order will be brought to council for consideration.

The current project budget only includes a city pledge of \$15,000 as the CDBG funds will be administered by Tarrant County and will never actually be handled by the city. The city allocation of funds was included in the budget in the event that the project bids came in over the CDBG funding amount.

Construction is anticipated to begin in Summer 2022 and take 150 calendar days to complete.

Recommendation:

Approve Resolution No. 2022-021, recommending the award of a construction contract by Tarrant County to Horseshoe Construction, Inc. for the 47th Annual Community Development Block Grant Project identified as the Paramount Street Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project in the total contract amount of \$249,845.50.