



CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** January 9, 2017
SUBJECT: Consider Resolution No. 2017-002, recommending the award of a construction contract by Tarrant County for sanitary sewer improvements on Harmonson Road for the 42nd Year Community Development Block Grant Project
PRESENTER: Caroline Waggoner, City Engineer

Summary:

The City Council is being asked to consider a Resolution recommending an award of a construction contract to Excel 4 Construction by Tarrant County for the CIP Project identified as "*Harmonson Road 18" Sanitary Sewer Improvements*" (CDBG17) in the Capital Projects Budget.

General Description:

The Harmonson Road Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project (the "Project") is the City's designated 42nd Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project. 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. The City determines the projects and the County administers the projects; however, the City reviews all bids and consultant contracts and makes recommendations to the 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 the replacement of 1,850 linear feet of 18" sewer pipe located along Harmonson Road, between Dawn Drive and Lochridge Court. This portion of the sewer line needs to be reconstructed because the line is experiencing significant inflow and infiltration issues and is badly deteriorated. Because of the size of the sanitary sewer main, City utility funds will be needed to augment the available CDBG grant funds.

Tarrant County staff reviewed and approved the project's contract documents prior to bidding and scheduled a Bid Opening for November 30, 2016. Bids were received by Tarrant County at their offices on this date. A total of four (4) contractors submitted bids; these bids are summarized in the table below:



Name of Contractor	BASE BID
Excel 4 Construction	\$637,003.00
B&R Utility Construction	\$656,929.00
Woody Contractors	\$731,509.00
Canary Construction	\$1,135,305.00

The City has had prior experience with the low bidder and believes Excel 4 Construction to be a reliable contractor. The Project budget is comprised of CDBG funds, and is not sufficient to cover the construction portion of the project. North Richland Hills will need to pledge to pay the difference between the available CDBG funds and the Project total.

Tarrant County:	\$262,588.30
North Richland Hills:	<u>\$374,414.70</u>
Total:	\$637,003.00

The current project budget includes the \$396,000 in available CDBG funds. Tarrant County paid for engineering design of the sanitary sewer line using these resources, leaving \$262,588.30 available for construction. The remaining \$374,414.70 will be paid for by utilizing available Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation (UT1307) project savings.

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

Recommendation:

Approve Resolution No. 2017-002.