



CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

From: The Office of the City Manager **Date:** December 9, 2019

Subject: Consider Resolution No. 2019-055, recommending the award of a construction contract by Tarrant County to Excel 4 Construction, LLC for the Garwood Drive Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project for the 45th Annual Community Development Block Grant Project in the total contract amount of \$222,940.00.

Presenter: Caroline Waggoner, Director of Public Works

Summary:

The City Council is being asked to recommend an award of a construction contract by Tarrant County to Excel 4 Construction for the CIP Project identified as Garwood Drive Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project (CDBG20) in the Capital Projects Budget.

General Description:

The Garwood Drive Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project marks the 45th 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 1,400 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 running between Garwood Drive and Reeves Street, as well as the portion of sewer main that connects this system to the east. There is an alternate which removes the second smaller main replacement in case construction bids came in over the allotted CDBG funding amount.

Tarrant County staff reviewed and approved the project's contract documents prior to bidding and scheduled a bid opening for November 12, 2019. Bids were received by Tarrant County at their offices on this date. A total of four (4) contractors submitted bids.



One of the bids received was determined to be unqualified and therefore not eligible for consideration. The bids are summarized in the table below, including the unqualified bid for informational purposes:

Bidders	A&B Construction, LLC	Horseshoe Construction, Inc.	Excel 4 Construction, LLC	Douglas Dailey Construction, LLC
Base Bid Amount	\$306,922.50	\$229,757.00	\$222,940.00	\$286,736.00
Alternate Bid Amount	\$251,352.50	\$191,462.00	\$175,465.00	\$245,211.00

Both the city and Tarrant County have had prior experience with the low bidder on projects of similar scope and size and both believe Excel 4 Construction to be a reliable contractor.

The current project budget only includes a city pledge of \$15,000 as the CDBG funds as the actual grant funding 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 February of 2020 and take 120 calendar days to complete.

Recommendation:

Approve Resolution No. 2019-055, recommending the award of a construction contract by Tarrant County to Excel 4 Construction Company for the 45th Annual Community Development Block Grant Project identified as the Garwood Drive Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project in the total contract amount of \$222,940.