



Department Source: City Utilities - Water and Light

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: July 17, 2023

Re: Authorizing the acquisition of easements for construction of the Southeast Water Pumping Station project

Executive Summary

Staff has prepared for Council consideration an ordinance authorizing the acquisition of easements necessary for the construction of a southeast water pumping station and the establishment of a Southeast pressure zone within the water distribution system. A public hearing for this project was held on June 6, 2022

Discussion

In 2008 Jacobs Engineering provided the City with the Long Range Water System Study which identified a need for a future booster pump station in the Southeast portion of the City's water service territory. The 2008 Study originally recommended construction of the station in 2019. The study was updated in 2015 which recommended construction of the station in 2033. These projections were largely based on growth trends at the time of the reports. Since the publishing of these reports the City has seen significant development in the Southeast portion of the water service territory necessitating the need to accelerate design of the Southeast Booster Pump Station. The pump station will provide higher, more consistent water pressures for customers in the southeast. The existing pressure is adequate to meet regulatory requirements in all locations currently served by the utility. Some customers have installed pressure booster pumps within their facility to provide a more desirable pressure to upper floors of their building and to help automatic flush valves operate correctly. This project should help to alleviate the need for additional pumping within individual facilities under most circumstances. The project will also enhance fire protection in the area.

Black & Veatch was selected for the design of this improvement through an RFP process authorized by council on September 8, 2020. Black & Veatch approached the project starting with a hydraulic analysis to verify the extent of the area to include within the new pressure zone. The proposed area was identified primarily through examining elevation data indicating where customers could benefit from an increase in pressure. Once the affected area was identified, its current and anticipated future uses were studied to determine the design criteria for the pump station. The pump station is being designed to meet current and expected maximum day demand of 23 million gallons per day (MGD), with a maximum hour demand of 39 MGD. The ability to expand the capacity of the pump station to a maximum hour demand of 47 MGD in the future is being considered within the design.

This project will require the acquisition of one permanent utility easement from one property owner. See attached diagrams/descriptions of the proposed easement.



Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: 3,500,000 is currently appropriated for this improvement under Capital Improvement Program project number W0280.

Long-Term Impact: Improved level of water service.

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Reliable Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Not Applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Not applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Legislative History

Date	Action
06/06/2022	(PH21-22) Public Hearing
05/16/2022	(R70-22) Setting a public hearing: proposed construction of a southeast pump station and associated water main improvement project and establishing a southeast pressure zone within the water distribution system.
09/08/2020	(B220-20) Authorizing a professional engineering services agreement with Black & Veatch
07/01/2019	(B172-19) Amending the FY 2019 Annual Budget by appropriating funds from the sale of Water and Electric System Revenue Bonds to various FY2019 water capital improvement projects.
05/06/2019	(B99-19) Authorizing the issuance of Water and Electric System Revenue Bonds, Series 2019A.
04/15/2019	(R61-19) Authorizing the notice of sale of Water and Electric System Revenue Bonds, Series 2019A.
09/04/2018	(R133-18) Declaring results of the special election held on August 7, 2018.
05/21/2018	(B93-18) Calling a special election on Tuesday, August 7, 2018 relating to the issuance of Water and Electric System Revenue Bonds.

Suggested Council Action

Approval of the ordinance.