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April 19, 2018

RE: Dry Branch Tributaries Channel Improvements

Michael,

Six (6) bids were received and opened on April 10, 2018 for the Dry Branch Tributaries Channel Improvements project. This project provides for the construction of channel improvements for a portion of Dry Branch that is between the South Creek residential subdivision and the Joyce Lane residential subdivision, just north of Gattis School Road and to the west of Joyce Lane; and for a portion of the unnamed east tributary to Dry Branch that traverses between the Ray Berglund residential subdivision and the Joyce Lane residential subdivision. A copy of the final tabulation of bids is attached.

As stipulated in the Bid Documents, this project was bid pursuant to Texas Government Code Chapter 2269 which allows the City to consider: 1) price; 2) the bidder's experience; 3) the quality of the bidder's goods or services; 4) the impact on the ability of the City to comply with rules relating to historically underutilized business; 5) the bidder's safety record; 6) the bidder's proposed personnel; 7) whether the bidder's financial capability is appropriate to the size and scope of the project; and 8) any other relevant factor specifically listed in the request for bids. The Instructions to Bidders in the Bid Documents included a "Bidder's Experience, Quality and Personnel Data" form that was required to be completed and submitted with each bidder's bid.

I recommend that the City award the **Base Bid including the substitutions under Add Alternates 1 and 2**. Add Alternate 1 provides for gravity block wall in lieu of gabion basket wall; some wall is required along the unnamed east tributary and the additional cost to install gravity block wall I believe is prudent because I believe the block wall will be more durable in the long run and will be more aesthetically pleasing for the residential properties that abut the tributary. Add Alternate 2 provides for hydraulically applied flexible erosion control blanket in lieu of soil retention blanket; the additional cost to install the flexible erosion control blanket I believe is prudent because I believe it will better facilitate the establishment of grass growth and will alleviate mowing headaches in the short term because blanket netting will not be present.

The two lowest bids for the project including the substitutions under Add Alternates 1 and 2 were submitted by Chasco Constructors and Smith Contracting Co., Inc. Both contractors have been retained by the City in the past and appear qualified to perform the work associated with the Dry Branch Tributaries Channel Improvements project. Chasco Constructors' submitted price for the work that I recommend the City award is approximately \$26,000 less than that submitted by Smith Contracting Co., Inc. I believe that Chasco Constructors has submitted the bid that represents the best value for the City when considering the criteria pursuant to Texas Government Code Chapter 2269; **I therefore recommend that the City award the Base Bid including the substitutions under Add Alternates 1 and 2 for the Dry Branch Tributaries Channel Improvements project to Chasco Constructors for a total estimated contract price of \$1,328,052.00.**

Danny Halden, P.E.
City Engineer