

## **Department of Utilities**

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## **MEMORANDUM**

Date: October 2, 2025

To: Chairperson Brad Firkus and Members of the Finance Committee

**CC:** Chris Stempa, Director of Utilities

**From:** Ryan Rice, Deputy Director of Utilities

Subject: Finance Committee Action: Approve Budget Amendment: 2024 Aeration

Process Upgrades CIP -\$49,300, Sludge Storage CIP -\$37,160 and Midway

Road Lift Station Valve Vault CIP +\$86,460

## **BACKGROUND:**

In June 2005, an informational item was presented to this committee regarding a budget amendment to fund a sole source contract to McMahon Associates for engineering services in support of the Midway Road lift station valve vault repairs. The failure of valves in the vault necessitated replacement of the associated equipment (check valves, gate valves, piping) due to condition and obsolescence.

McMahon proceeded to develop detailed construction plans and specifications following input from Utilities department staff to ensure replacement equipment, piping, coating, and safety improvements meet current needs.

On September 30, 2025, the city opened and reviewed bids from three contractors which are summarized in Table 1. Each bid met the submittal requirements with Sabel Mechanical being the least cost-responsible bidder.

Table 1: Midway Road Lift Station Valve Vault Replacement Project Bid Tab Summary

Company	Sabel Mechanical	Staab Construction	August Winter & Sons
Base Bid	\$78,600	\$98,400.00	\$104,500

Separately, the Utilities Committee is being presented with an action item to approve award of the contract to Sabel Mechanical.

This action item is to approve the budget amendment needed to fund the work, which due to the unforeseen failure of the valves, a capital improvement project (CIP) wasn't budgeted for this work in 2025.

The monies to be transferred from the 2024 Aeration Process Upgrades CIP and Sludge Storage Building CIP will not be needed to complete those projects, as they were completed under budget.

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve the following budget amendments to fund the construction portion of the project:

2024 Aeration Process Upgrades CIP -\$49,300

Sludge Storage Building CIP -\$37,160

Midway Road Lift Station Valve Vault CIP +\$86,460

If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Ryan Rice at 920-832-5945.