



## DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES

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### MEMORANDUM

**Date:** October 2, 2025  
**To:** Chairperson Vered Meltzer and Members of the Utilities Committee  
**CC:** Chris Stempa, Director of Utilities  
**From:** Ryan Rice, Deputy Director of Utilities  
**Subject:** **Utilities Committee Action: Award Midway Road Lift Station Valve Vault Modifications Bid to Sabel Mechanical, in the amount of \$78,600 with 10% contingency of \$7,860 for a project total not to exceed \$86,460.**

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#### BACKGROUND:

In June 2025, a budget amendment was approved 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.

Separately, the Finance Committee is being presented with an action item 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.

#### BIDS

On September 30, 2025, the City opened and reviewed the 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 Modifications Project Bid Tab Summary**

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

#### RECOMMENDATION:

I am recommending the contract base bid award for the Midway Road Lift Station Valve Vault Modifications Project to Sabel Mechanical, in the amount of \$78,600 with 10%

contingency of \$7,860 for a project total not to exceed \$86,460.

If you have any questions or require additional information regarding this project, please contact Ryan Rice at 920-832-5945