



## AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting of April 14, 2026

**DATE:** April 14, 2026

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### **Construction Contract Award** **Flour Bluff 18-Inch Water Line Extension**

#### **CAPTION:**

Motion awarding a construction contract to Gerke Excavating Inc., of Tomah, Wisconsin for the Flour Bluff 18-Inch Water Line Extension project in an amount not to exceed \$4,008,694.99, located in Council District 4, with FY 2026 funding available from the Water Capital Fund.

#### **SUMMARY:**

This motion awards a construction contract to Gerke Excavating, Inc. for the Flour Bluff 18-Inch Water Line Extension project. The project includes the installation of an 18-inch water transmission main from Flour Bluff Drive to Laguna Shores Drive to increase reliability of the water supply and provide redundancy for critical water distribution infrastructure. This project is included in the FY26 Adopted Capital Budget and was approved by City Council in September of 2025.

#### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE:**

In the water distribution system, there are only two water transmission mains that service the North Padre Island Area, an 18-inch line constructed in 2015 and a 24-inch line constructed in 1970. The existing 18-inch water line currently operates at approximately 50% capacity. This project extends the 18-inch water line to provide adequate available water capacity to serve as a backup supply if the existing 24-inch water line to North Padre Island were to be out of service for maintenance or repairs. The new water line connection will provide the water flows necessary to operate the new 18-inch transmission main at full capacity and provide a reliable redundant water

supply to North Padre Island. The new water line will strengthen the distribution system to ensure normal operations are maintained.

This project will connect the 18-inch water transmission main to a source capable of providing flows that maximize the delivery of water to the Coral Vines Elevated Water Storage Tank. Continued growth on Padre Island requires all systems to operate at the fullest extent of their design capacity. In addition, due to the Island's isolation from the mainland, it is necessary to provide adequate redundancy capable of providing continued service in the event of any parallel system failure. The implementation of this project will increase the integrity of the water distribution system and support increased development on Padre Island.

The project will construct approximately 11,722 linear feet of 18-inch PVC water line to connect the transmission line from the intersection of Flour Bluff Drive and Don Patricio Road to Laguna Shores Drive. The new 18-inch water transmission main will be installed to connect the termination point of the existing 18-inch water line serving North Padre Island. The project will connect the new 18-inch water line to the existing water distribution system at two locations, the existing 10-inch water line at the intersection of Don Patricio and Flour Bluff Drive, and the existing 18-inch water line at the intersection of the O' Neill Ditch and Laguna Shores Drive. The pipe will be installed by conventional trenching for a majority of the alignment and by guided auger bore at major utility crossings.

**PROJECT TIMELINE:**

2023 - 2025	2025 - 2026	2026 - 2027
May - June	October - April	May - February
Design	Bid/Award	Construction

Projected schedule reflects City Council award in April 2026 with anticipated construction completion in February 2027.

**COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION PROCESS**

On October 19, 2025, the Contracts and Procurement Department issued a Request for Bids (RFB #6685) for the Flour Bluff 18-Inch Water Line project. On January 14, 2026, the City received seventeen (17) bids. After reviewing the bids in accordance with contract requirements, the City determined that Gerke Excavating, Inc. provided the lowest responsive and responsible bid.

A summary of the bids is provided below:

	Bidder	Base Bid
1	Gerke Excavating, Inc. (Tomah, Wisconsin)	\$4,008,694.99

2	Bridges Specialties Inc. (Corpus Christi, Texas)	\$4,429,186.00
3	R Construction (Buffalo, Texas)	\$4,522,198.00
4	MAX Underground Construction L (Corpus Christi, Texas)	\$5,350,755.82
5	Pate Garver, L.P. (Houston, Texas)	\$5,404,582.00
6	Clark Pipeline Services (Corpus Christi, Texas)	\$5,442,263.37
7	Reytec Construction (Houston, Texas)	\$5,444,801.96
8	Guerra Underground, LLC (Corpus Christi, Texas)	\$5,692,971.75
9	Ella S.A. Contracting, LLC (San Antonio, Texas)	\$5,781,494.00
10	Takco, Inc (Dallas, Texas)	\$5,794,483.50
11	Econ Group, LLC (Edinburg, Texas)	\$5,817,523.27
12	Mor-Wil, LLC (Mission, Texas)	\$5,907,270.07
13	Jhabores Construction Company, Inc. (Corpus Christi, Texas)	\$6,528,277.57
14	SAL Construction Management LLC (Laredo, Texas)	\$6,887,561.42
15	Reddico Construction Company, Inc. (Conroe, Texas)	\$7,131,666.90
16	M5 Utilities (Boerne, Texas)	\$7,145,840.29
17	Timco Blasting & Coatings (Dallas, Texas)	\$7,787,832.00
<b>Engineer's Opinion of Probable Construction Cost (OPCC)</b>		<b>\$6,600,000.00</b>

Although 39% higher than the low bid, the Engineer's OPCC was within the range of bids. The low bids were related to the large number of bidders (17 bidders) and the limited number of City utility projects out for bids at the time. These two factors made the utility contractors in our local market very competitive with their proposals.

Gerke Excavating, Inc. has completed numerous water, sanitary sewer, and drainage projects for the surrounding cities of Ingleside, Rockport, and Kingsville.

- **Starlight Lane (Violet and Leopard) – Corpus Christi, TX**

Project Value: \$12,563,957.74. Project includes the reconstruction of Starlight Lane, from Violet Road to Leopard Street. The reconstruction project included various street, utility improvements, and drainage improvements, and covers a total existing length of approximately 7,285 linear feet. Project status: **On-Going (Start Date: October 2025, Est End Date: January 2027)**

- **Brownlee Blvd. (Staples St. to Morgan Ave.) – Corpus Christi, TX**

Project Value: \$7,725,813.45. Project includes the reconstruction of Starlight Lane, from Violet Road to Leopard Street. The reconstruction project included the installation of 18" to 48" reinforced concrete pipe, installation of C900 and ductile iron pipe, removal and placement of wastewater line, and street excavation and finishing. Project status: **On-Going (Start Date: October 2024, Est End Date: March 2026)**

- **Cefe Valenzuela Landfill Road Improvements – Robstown, TX**

Project Value: \$2,643,574.91. Project included the repair and rehabilitation of the main road used to drive through the Cefe Valenzuela Landfill. Related improvements include adding additional stormwater structures to aid in drainage, and regarding the existing roadside ditch. Project status: **(Start Date: February 2025, Completion Date: September 2025)**

- **East Linden Street – Rockport, TX**

Project Value: \$2,811,989.70. Project included 20,000 CY of ditch excavation and the installation of 874 LF of box culverts (7x3 and 6x3) alongside 1,600 LF of 22x14 arch pipe. Project status: **(Start Date: March 2023, Completion Date: February 2024)**

- **12<sup>th</sup> Street Improvements – Ingleside, TX**

Project Value: \$2,079,346.94. Project included extensive site preparation and infrastructure installation, including 11,400 SY of subgrade excavation and geogrid installation, the placement of 2,100 CY of flex base and 9,508 SY of asphalt paving, and the installation of over 4,500 LF of utility piping (storm and water) alongside 8,400 LF of curbing. Project status: **(Start Date: January 2022, Completion Date: December 2022)**

### **ALTERNATIVES:**

City Council could choose not to award the construction contract to the low bidder, Gerke Excavating, which would delay necessary improvements to the water infrastructure system and delay water supply redundancy and reliability needed for North Padre Island residents.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

The fiscal impact in FY 2026 is an amount not to exceed \$4,008,694.99 for construction with funding available from the Water Capital Fund.

**FUNDING DETAIL:**

Fund: Water 2025 CIP (Rv Bds) (Fund 4492)  
Department: Water (45)  
Organization: Grants & Capital Projects Funds (89)  
Project: Flour Bluff 18-Inch Water Line Extension (Project No. 22144)  
Account: Construction Contract (550910)  
Activity: 22144-4492-EXP  
Amount: \$4,008,694.99

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommend awarding the construction contract to Gerke Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$4,008,694.99 for the Flour Bluff 18-Inch Water Line Extension project. The construction duration is planned for 9 months from issuance of the Notice to Proceed to begin construction in May 2026 with anticipated completion by February 2027.

**LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

Location and Vicinity Map  
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