



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting of June 23, 2026

DATE: June 23, 2026

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Construction Contract Award
16-Inch Water Main Extension (State Highway 286 to N. Alameda Street)

CAPTION:

Motion awarding a construction contract to Max Underground Construction LLC, of Corpus Christi, Texas for the 16-Inch Water Main Extension (State Highway 286 to N. Alameda Street) project in an amount up to \$1,497,996.89, located in Council District 1, with FY 2026 funding available from the Water Capital Fund.

SUMMARY:

This motion awards a construction contract to Max Underground Construction LLC for the 16-Inch Water Main Extension (State Highway 286 to N. Alameda Street) project. The scope of work includes extending a 16-inch water main from SH 286 at the intersection of N. Brownlee Boulevard and Caldwell Street to an existing 20-inch water main at the intersection of N. Alameda Street and Laredo Street. The extension will improve water supply reliability and provide critical redundancy for the City's water distribution system infrastructure in the downtown area. The total length of the proposed 16-inch PVC water main is approximately 2,640 linear feet (LF). This project is funded through the FY 2026 Adopted Capital Budget and was previously approved by City Council in December 2024.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE:

The City of Corpus Christi currently has only one large-diameter transmission main that supplies water to the downtown area. Constructed in 1954, this water main is the district's sole water supply

line. This project will provide an additional water feed to the downtown area, improving service reliability by boosting water supply and pressure.

The project involves installing approximately 2,640 linear feet (LF) of new 16-inch PVC water main. The new water line will extend from an existing 16-inch water main at SH 286 and the intersection of N. Brownlee Boulevard and Caldwell Street, continuing to the intersection of N. Alameda Street and Laredo Street, where it will tie into an existing 20-inch water main. The proposed water main will be installed via open-cut construction within the existing right-of-way. In addition to replacing one fire hydrant, the new 16-inch water line will connect to two existing water distribution lines.

Pavement repair will consist of full roadway restoration (curb-to-curb) along Caldwell Street and N. Alameda Street. Replacement of the existing curb and gutter, sidewalks, ADA curb ramps, and sod will be necessary to accommodate the installation of a combination air valve and vent piping outside of the roadway limits, as well as along portions of the water line alignment.

PROJECT TIMELINE:

2025 - 2026	2026	2026 - 2027
February - March	April - June	August - March
Design	Bid/Award	Construction

Projected schedule reflects City Council award in June 2026 with anticipated construction completion in March 2027.

COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION PROCESS:

On April 13, 2026, the Contracts and Procurement Department issued a Request for Bids (RFB #7174) for the 16-Inch Water Main Extension (State Highway 286 to N. Alameda Street) project. On May 13, 2026, the City received twelve (12) bids. After reviewing the bids in accordance with contract requirements, the City determined that Max Underground Construction LLC provided the lowest responsive and responsible bid.

A summary of the bids is provided below:

	Bidder	Base Bid
1	Max Underground Construction LLC (Corpus Christi, Texas)	\$1,497,996.89
2	Guerra Underground, LLC (Austin, Texas)	\$1,871,177.00
3	Gerke Excavating (Tomah, Wisconsin)	\$1,940,480.98

4	Bridges Specialties, Inc (Robstown, Texas)	\$2,002,000.49
5	Experts Underground Solutions LC (Channelview, Texas)	\$2,193,442.00
6	D&J Utility Services LLC (Sinton, Texas)	\$2,469,254.00
7	Mor-Will, LLC (Mission, Texas)	\$2,547,798.83
8	Jhabores Construction Company, Inc. (Corpus Christi, Texas)	\$2,757,130.38
9	J. Carroll Weaver (Sinton, Texas)	\$2,810,779.00
10	E.P. Brady, LTD (Houston, Texas)	\$2,849,318.60
11	Persons Services Corp. (Humble, Texas)	\$3,157,294.62
12	RUTS Construction, LLC (Fort Worth, Texas)	\$3,183,000.00
Engineer's Opinion of Probable Construction Cost (OPCC)		\$3,421,174.00

The Engineer's OPCC was developed using recent bid data for similar projects in Nueces County, comparable projects completed by the Engineer, and line-item adjustments with a 10% contingency to reflect current market conditions and variability. The low bids were due to the large number of bidders (12) and the limited number of City utility projects out for bid at the time. These two factors made utility contractors in our local market highly competitive in their proposals.

Max Underground Construction LLC is a local construction company that has completed numerous projects for the City of Corpus Christi and surrounding cities, including various street projects with utility improvements. Recent projects are listed below.

- Elizabeth Street from Santa Fe Street to Staples Street – Corpus Christi, TX**
 Project Value: \$2,417,262.99. The project includes the reconstruction of Elizabeth Street, from Santa Fe Street to Staples Street. The reconstruction project included various street, utility, and drainage improvements and covers a total existing length of approximately 1350 linear feet. Project status: **Completed (Completion Date: May 2024)**
- Timbergate Drive from Snowgoose Road to Staples Street – Corpus Christi, TX**
 Project Value: \$4,730,195.89. The project includes the reconstruction of Timbergate Drive from Snowgoose Road to Staples Street. The reconstruction project included various street, utility, and drainage improvements and covers a total existing length of approximately 2,300 linear feet. Project status: **Ongoing (Start Date: March 2025, Estimated Completion Date: July 2026)**
- Citywide Storm Water Infrastructure Rehabilitation FY 21-23 – Corpus Christi, TX**
 Project Value: \$6,000,000.00. The project included rehabilitation/replacement of stormwater

infrastructure in the City of Corpus Christi (Citywide). The project also incorporated the Bridge Rehabilitation IDIQ and Channel Improvements IDIQ due to the similar scopes of work. Project status: **Completed (Start Date: December 2021, Completion Date: September 2024)**

- **Castenon Street from Trojan Drive to Delgado Street – Corpus Christi, TX**

Project Value: \$3,574,312.30. The project includes the reconstruction of Castenon Street, from Trojan Street to Delgado Street. The reconstruction project included various street, utility, and drainage improvements and covers a total existing length of approximately 1,700 linear feet. Project status: **Ongoing (Start Date: January 2026, Estimated Completion Date: December 2026)**

ALTERNATIVES:

City Council could choose not to award the construction contract to the low bidder, Max Underground Construction LLC, which would delay planned utility improvements necessary to provide reliability and redundancy of the water distribution infrastructure in the downtown area.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact in FY 2026 is an amount up to \$1,497,996.89 for construction with funding available from the Water Capital Fund.

FUNDING DETAIL:

Fund:	4492 Water 2025 CIP (Rvn Bds) Fund
Organization/Activity:	89 Grants & Capital Projects
Department:	45 Water Department
Project:	2306116-Inch Water Main Extension (State Highway 286 to N. Alameda Street)
Account:	550910 Construction Contract
Amount:	\$1,497,996.89

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommend awarding the construction contract to Max Underground Construction LLC in the amount of \$1,497,996.89 for the 16-Inch Water Main Extension (State Highway 286 to N. Alameda Street) project. The construction duration is planned for seven (7) months from issuance of the Notice to Proceed to begin construction in August 2026, with anticipated completion by March 2027.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Location and Vicinity Map
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