



## REQUEST FOR ACTION CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Date: 07/01/2024  
Agenda Section: Unfinished Business

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**Department:** Public Works – City Engineer

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**Agenda Item:** Main Lift Station and Forcemain Project

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**Approval Required:** Simple Majority Vote

### **BACKGROUND**

We have prepared a previous Study (called a Facility Plan / Preliminary Engineer Report) on possible improvements to the City's Main Lift Station (LS) in the corner of Gravidahl Drive along with the replacement of the main forcemain (FM) from the Gravidahl LS out to the City's Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF).

We assisted the City in obtaining a \$600,000 grant from the State to help pay for this project.

We have been shooting to complete the design this year, bid over the winter, and construct in 2025.

We are running into some challenges with describing easements for the new forcemain in the way of gaps in the property descriptions. This was not anticipated in our original scope of work. We are preparing documents so that the City Attorney can work with us and the Staff to clean up the gaps and to obtain the easements.

With the proposed Apartment complex and Hotel in the Heart of the Good Life (HOTGL) Development – resulting in a lot more wastewater generation than we anticipated when the initial uses of the HOGTL were discussed – we have been talking internally about redirecting flow out of the existing lift station in the Industrial / Business Park to go directly into the main FM out to the WWTF.

In talking with the MPCA, they said this would require an Amendment To The Facility Plan. Again, this was not anticipated in our original scope of work.

In talking with the MPCA on schedule, they said they could not guarantee the low-interest loan monies the City is presently in line to receive through the State's Intended Use Plan (IUP) will be there for 2025 if we get Plans into them during the summer. But they also indicated that a) the State Legislature did not pass a Bonding Bill, so, funding for these kinds of projects is up in the air anyway, and b) the sooner we get Plans into the MPCA, the better the chance the City has of possibly constructing in 2025.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS**

Staff recommends the City Council direct Staff and Widseth to proceed with the above-mentioned adjustments.

### **COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED**



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Motion to direct Widseth to proceed with the above-mentioned adjustments to the LS & FM project and to update the City Council at the August meeting on estimated cost impacts.