



**City Council Meeting**  
**Agenda Item Submittal Request**  
September 9, 2004 City Council meeting

Agenda Item #:

Department: Public Works

Resolution R04-23

Agenda Title: Rio Grande Street Wastewater Amendment

**1. INTRODUCTION/PURPOSE**

Consider an amendment to TCDP-funded Rio Grande Street Wastewater Improvements Project (Contract No. 723791)

**2. DESCRIPTION/ JUSTIFICATION**

The City of Taylor is considering an amendment to its approved 2003 Texas Community Development Program (TCDP) contract with the Office of Rural Community Affairs to delete the replacement of wastewater line planned along Rio Grande Street from the alley between Symes and Gano Street to S. Doak Street due to budget constraints.

This section of wastewater line in Rio Grande Street was chosen to be in the additive alternate bid because it has fewer service connections than other parts of the project, so the costs to build that section generate less relative benefit. Although this proposal eliminates the replacement of wastewater line to approximately six residential units, the percentage of low-to-moderate income persons to benefit from the final project will remain significantly the same and will meet the requirement of the Community Development Block Grant Program.

The improvements that will remain in this contract after the amendment request are at the following locations:

- Rio Grande Street from Bland Street to alley serving Symes & Gano.
- Alley serving Symes & Gano from Dickey Street to Rio Grande.
- Bland Street from Rio Grande to Mustang Street.
- Alley serving Sturgis & S. Main from Rio Grande to Mustang Street.
- Alley serving Bland & Sturgis from Rio Grande to Mustang Street.
- Mustang Street from Bland to S. Main.

The bids were advertised with additive alternate section due to anticipation of bids exceeding the construction budget. The contract was awarded to the Smetana & Associates as the only bidder whose base bid was less than the construction budget.

**3. FINANCIAL/BUDGET**

This wastewater project is funded with a \$250,000 TCDP grant and a \$100,000 match from the City of Taylor. The design contract and the grant administration contract are \$38,200 and \$26,000 respectively, leaving \$285,800 for construction and construction-related items. Smetana & Associates base bid was \$253,075.88 and Council authorized an additional \$25,000 to cover minor change orders and construction testing.

**4. RECOMMENDATION**

Approval of the Resolution supporting the amendment of TCDP Contract No. 723791 (Rio Grande St. Wastewater Improvements) to reduce the scope of the project due to budget constraints.

**APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL**

DEPARTMENT HEAD: David Simons DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY MANAGER: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Resolution R04-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A CONTRACT AMENDMENT REQUEST FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TAYLOR AND THE OFFICE OF RURAL COMMUNITY AFFAIRS (THE OFFICE), CONTRACT NUMBER 723791.

WHEREAS, the City of Taylor entered into a contract with the State of Texas to for the replacement of wastewater lines in an area west of Main Street to primarily benefit low and moderate income residents; and

WHEREAS, the City of Taylor received base bids and additive alternate bids for construction that exceeded the budget;

WHEREAS, the section of wastewater line in Rio Grande Street chosen to be in the additive alternate bid has fewer service connections than other parts of the project, so the costs to build that section generate less relative benefit;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS:

1. The City Council authorizes a contract amendment request to be submitted to the Texas Community Development Program for the following proposed activities:

To remove a section of wastewater line in Rio Grande Street from the alley serving Symes and Gano Street to S. Doak Street due to budget constraints and rising costs of construction since the proposal of this project;

2. The City Council directs and authorizes the Mayor to execute all necessary documents as may be required to initiate and process this contract amendment request.

PASSED AND APPROVED at a meeting of the City Council of the City of Taylor, Texas, on the 9th day of September, 2004.

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Donald R. Hill, Mayor  
City of Taylor

ATTEST:

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Susan Brock, City Clerk