

Subject: Bid Rejection – UV Channel Influent Valve Replacement and Grit Basin Improvements

Meeting Date: July 1, 2025

Meeting Type: City Council Meeting - First Tuesday - Afternoon & Evening Sessions

Department: Public Utilities - Public Utilities (Capital Improvement Mgmt)

Sponsor(s): Janeen Goodwin

Fiscal Impact No

Dollar Amount: \$0

Budgeted Yes

Budget Source: Capital Improvement Program

Agenda Content:

Janeen Goodwin, Raleigh Water

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The UV Channel Influent Valve Replacement and Grit Basin Improvements project is planned at Raleigh Water's Neuse River Resource Recovery Facility. The Project consists generally of the following major items: 1) installation of three Grit Baffles in Vortex Grit, and 2) replacement of UV Influent Valves at Channels 1 through 8 and associated appurtenances.

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On October 22, 2024, Raleigh Water advertised and received no bids for the UV Channel Influent Valve Replacement and Grit Basin Improvements project. As required by G.S. 143-132(a), the project was re-advertised for bid. On November 19, 2024, Raleigh Water received no bids for the second time for the UV Channel Influent Valve Replacement and Grit Basin Improvements project. Therefore, the project was re-advertised for a third time. One construction bid was received on February 27, 2025 for the UV Channel Influent Valve Replacement and Grit Basin Improvements project. The Engineer's estimate was \$2,500,000. The low bid was \$5,192,000 and about 108% over the Engineer's estimate. Staff have tried to negotiate the bid price with the low bidder but have not been successful. Therefore, staff recommends that Council reject the bid, as is permitted by state law.

Staff is evaluating the design and bid strategy to identify opportunities to add this bid package with another capital project and/or prepurchase equipment and utilize On Call contractors.

Recommended Action: Authorize the rejection of all bids submitted under this bidding process.

Contract Properties:

Name of Project:	UV Channel Influent Valve Replacement and Grit Basin Improvements
Name of Vendor:	Not Applicable
Managing Division:	Raleigh Water – Capital Improvements
Approval Request:	Bid Rejection
Reason for Council Review:	Construction Contract Amount > \$500,000
Original Project Budget:	\$2,500,000
Construction Bid Award:	Not Applicable
Encumbered with this approval:	Not Applicable
Budget Transfer	N/A

Additional Contract Details:

[Include any additional background information on the project, the certified bid tabulation, MWBE participation, and the vendor’s proposal. If applicable, work with Budget & Management Services to provide a memo outlining necessary budget amendments and transfers.]