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REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: **Mayor & Council**

DATE: **July 22, 2009**

FROM: **General Manager, Engineering**

PROJECT FILE: **2320-01**

SUBJECT: **Contract Awards between August 1 and September 4, 2009**

RECOMMENDATION

The Engineering Department recommends, during the August recess from August 1 to September 4, 2009, that Council authorize the City Manager to make a decision on the award of Contracts M.S. 4709-003-11, M.S. 1706-015-21, M.S. 1706-013-11, M.S. 1709-007-11 and M.S. 1709-012-11 as described in this report provided the following criteria are satisfied:

1. Tenders are received through an open tender process;
2. Each award is to the contractor submitting the lowest bid which fully meets the contract specifications; and
3. The contract award is within the approved budget for the related work.

DISCUSSION

Council does not meet during the month of August. To allow for the award of construction contracts during this period, in previous years Council has deferred such authority to the City Manager for specific contracts subject to certain criteria being met in relation to such awards as listed in the recommendation section of this report. This practice is considered reasonable in recognition of the benefits that accrue from the work being carried out during favorable weather conditions.

Based on projects that are currently under design or are in the tender process, the following contracts are considered appropriate to assign to the City Manager for award in accordance with the Council practice of previous years.

1. Contract M.S. 4709-003-11 involves the replacement of the West Newton forcemain, 72 Avenue and 122 Street relief sewer installations and construction of pigging facilities on the Lower Tynehead siphons. The forcemain replacement will address a history of blockages in the pipe while the construction of these relief sewers will alleviate capacity problems in the existing sewer system. The pigging facilities will enable improved maintenance of the siphons. All of these works are to be completed by year-end.

2. Contract M.S. 1706-015-21 involves the widening of and installation of raised medians on 96 Avenue between 128 Street and 131 Street, as well as the installation of medians and final lift paving on 96 Avenue between the 12500 block and 128 Street. These improvements are part of an overall phased plan to improve safety on 96 Avenue between Scott Road and King George Highway. The works included in this contract are to be completed by year-end.
3. Contract M.S. 1706-013-11 involves the widening of 132 Street between 62B Avenue and 64 Avenue. It will include the installation of left turn bays, raised medians and sidewalks and will improve access and safety adjacent to Panorama Ridge Secondary School. The works included in this contract are to be completed by year-end.
4. Contract M.S. 1709-007-11 involves the installation of a new traffic signal and related intersection improvements at the intersection of 60 Avenue and 144 Street. The works included in this contract are to be completed by year-end.
5. Contract No. M.S. 1709-012-11 involves the restoration of pavement cuts and pavement patching at various locations throughout the City. The works included in this contract are to be completed by year-end.

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