

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: LIME PONDS/ASH PONDS FENCE INSTALLATION

BACKGROUND:

The Water Treatment Plant's Lime Ponds and the Power Plant's Ash Ponds are located near a newly constructed Shared Use Path. These ponds are not intended for recreational use and pose a safety hazard for those unfamiliar with the area. To mitigate the risk presented by the Shared Use Path, the Water & Pollution Control and Electric Services Departments have prepared plans and specifications for the installation of a chain link fence to enclose the Lime Ponds and Ash Ponds.

This project was previously put out for bid and on September 5, 2017 a single bid was received in the amount of \$89,234. This was higher than was anticipated and exceeded the project budget. In an effort to reduce the overall cost of the project, City staff completed some of the work that was originally included in the project. The completed work has been removed from the current set of plans and specifications, which are now ready for a Notice to Bidders.

This project is included in the FY 17/18 Capital Improvements Plan at \$80,000 as part of the Water Plant Facility Improvements project. A summary of the funding sources identified in the CIP for this project is shown below:

Funding Sources:

FY 17/18 – WTP Facility Improvements	\$ 40,000
<u>FY 17/18 – Power Plant Ash Pond Maintenance</u>	<u>\$ 40,000</u>
Total Funds Available	\$ 80,000

Based on the revised scope of work, the estimated cost is now \$73,000.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Grant preliminary approval of the plans and specifications and issue a Notice to Bidders for the Lime Ponds/ Ash Ponds Fence Installation, setting April 3, 2018, as the bid due date and April 10, 2018, as the date for public hearing and award.
2. Do not approve the plans and specifications at this time.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The construction of the Shared Use Path near the Water Treatment Plant's Lime Ponds/Power Plant's Ash Ponds introduced a safety hazard that had previously not existed. The installation of a chain link fence around these facilities would be a cost – effective method for reducing the risk of injury to those unfamiliar with the area. Plans and specifications have been prepared so that bids may be solicited for installation.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1 as stated above.