

ITEM # 9
DATE August 26, 2008

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF SPECIFICATIONS AND NOTICE TO BIDDERS FOR NEW PUMPS AT WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PLANT

BACKGROUND:

Currently, there are 14 pumps at the Water Pollution Control Plant—six in the raw water pump station and eight in the trickling filter pump station. These are 18 years old, and all pumps are scheduled for replacement over the next five years according to the 2008-2013 Capital Improvements Plan (CIP). Two raw water pumps will be replaced in the first year of the project.

The 2008-2013 CIP includes \$180,000 for pump replacement in each of the five years of the project. The CIP planned for three pump replacements each year at \$60,000 each. The anticipated cost of the new equipment is approximately \$75,000 for each pump, higher than originally estimated. However, because of several emergency repairs to the pumps earlier this spring, only two pumps will be replaced this year, keeping the project within the current budget. The CIP then will be adjusted in future years to reflect the new replacement schedule and updated costs. Because these new pumps are similar to the existing pumps, WPC Plant staff will install the new equipment upon arrival.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve specifications and issue a Notice to Bidders, setting September 25, 2008 as the bid due date and October 14, 2008 as the date for public hearing and award.
2. Do not approve specifications at this time.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The existing pumps are 18 years old and are in need of replacement to keep the Water Pollution Control Plant functioning at full capacity. The need for an orderly replacement was planned for in the Capital Improvements Plan. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving the specifications and issuing a Notice to Bidders for this project.