

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
Neil Jensen, City Administrator

FROM: Bill Angerman, P.E. and Daren Sikkink, P.E.
Consulting City Engineers

DATE: April 4, 2023

RE: 3rd Street Lift Station and Force main Project

On December 6, 2022, the City Council approved a resolution to proceed with plans and specifications for the 2023 street & utility improvement project. The project scope included the replacement of the sanitary sewer, watermain, and pavement in the Cannon Street and 3rd Street area. A sanitary sewer lift station and force main beneath the Cannon River to replace the sewer bridge were also part of the project.

Land acquisition from adjacent property owners was required to complete the necessary improvements. To date, one of the adjacent property owners has not agreed to sell their property or grant an easement to complete the project.

City staff is recommending continuing with a portion of the project that does not require the City to acquire land from the objecting property owner. Staff is recommending constructing the lift station and force main during the 2023 construction season. The remaining utility and street construction will be delayed until the 2024 construction season. This will allow City staff further time to negotiate with the objecting property owner to obtain the required property. Another reason to construct the lift station this year is some components are subject to long delays as part of continued supply chain issues. Constructing the lift station in 2023 will allow for any delays that may occur before it is put into service in 2024.

The City will eventually need to approve the assessed portion of the street & utility plans by October, 2023 and award a contract by December 5, 2023, otherwise, the City will need to restart the assessment process. The lift station and force main are not assessed to the adjacent property owners, therefore the City can proceed with the project without affecting the assessment process.

We are requesting the City Council act on the resolution approving plans and specifications and ordering advertising for bids for the 3rd Street Lift Station and Force main project.