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Resolution Rejecting All Bids Submitted for the May 15, 2014 Bid Opening and the September 11, 2014 Bid Opening for the Rock Creek Force Main Project

Department: Water Resources  
Council District: 1

Public Hearing: Not Applicable  
Advertising Date/By: Not Applicable

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**PURPOSE:** The Water Resources Department requests a resolution rejecting all the bids submitted for the May 15, 2014 bid opening and the September 11, 2014 bid opening for the Rock Creek Force Main Project. Rejecting all of the bids will allow the Water Resources Department to combine this project with the Stewart Mill Road Lift Station and Force Main Project in order to provide efficiencies in both scope and price for both projects.

**BACKGROUND:** On May 15, 2014, the City opened bids from contractors seeking to construct the City's Rock Creek Force Main project. After requirements necessitated the re-solicitation of this project, the City again opened bids from contractors for this project on September 11, 2014. A force main is a pressurized pipe system that is typically part of a Lift Station (also called a pumping station) that pumps the sewage uphill through the force main and ultimately to a sewage treatment facility. After these bids had been opened, the Water Resources Department considered the overall timing of the Rock Creek Force Main Project and the Stewart Mill Road Lift Station and Force Main Project. Since the Stewart Mill Road Lift Station and Force Main Project is scheduled to be advertised at the end of July 2015, and the estimated 540 days of construction time it would take to build the Stewart Mill Road Lift Station is more than enough time to build the Rock Creek Force Main simultaneously, Water Resources determined that it could obtain cost savings by constructing both projects simultaneously. First, the construction of the Rock Creek Force Main and the Stewart Mill Road Force Main will be very similar, and the City could obtain a lower cost by having one firm construct both projects. Second, the Rock Creek Force Main could not be used until the Stewart Mill Road Lift Station was constructed, so constructing the Rock Creek Force Main along with the Stewart Mill Road Lift Station would allow the City to defer a significant capital expense until such time that the asset could be used immediately when it was completed. Third, Water Resources determined that it had the flexibility to continue to utilize the old force main until the construction of the Stewart Mill Road Lift Station and Force Main are complete.

**BUDGET IMPACT:** None.

**RECOMMENDATION / ACTION REQUESTED:** The City Council is requested to adopt a resolution rejecting all bids submitted for the May 15, 2014 and September 11, 2014 bid openings for the Rock Creek Force Main Project, which is in the best interest of the City.