

Recommendation re: Task Authorization with American Compliance Technologies, Inc. for Removal, Disposal and Replacement of Contaminated Soils at Gateway Boulevard and Whitten Road and Appropriation for Wastewater Replacement & Renewal Fund

On April 22, 2024, the Wastewater Division was notified of a possible wastewater force main leaking in a heavily wooded wetland area off Gateway Blvd. The force main was found to be leaking and was subsequently repaired. The leak had been occurring for a significant amount of time and was likely the source of odor complaints from nearby residents. This section of force main conveys a large portion of industrial waste and due to the significance of the leak and sampling results, the Florida Department of Environment Protection (FDEP) is requiring a waste clean-up effort on the site.

The City has been working with FDEP on a clean-up and sampling plan and received approval on phase one of that plan on June 20, 2024. American Compliance Technology (ACT) Environmental and Infrastructure (Bartow, FL) has provided a proposal under a continuing contract, Professional Environmental Risk Engineering Services (RFQ 1210A) to remove impacted soils, replace impacted soils with clean fill, transport soils, and properly dispose of impacted soils.

The proposed Task Authorization is to complete the phase one site clean-up work. The major tasks of this project include:

- Removing approximately 5,600 cubic yards of impacted soils
- Transporting and properly disposing of impacted soils
- Replacing excavated soils with clean topsoil to backfill the site
- Compacting the new soil

This work was unplanned and unbudgeted. However, it is imperative this work commences before the heavy rainy season begins and floods this site as any delays could further the environmental impact. Therefore, staff recommends that the City Commission authorize an appropriation and increase in estimated revenues of \$947,192.00 in the Wastewater Replacement & Renewal Fund from the Unappropriated Surplus of the Wastewater Utilities Fund.

Staff recommends the City Commission authorize the appropriate City officials to execute Task Authorization ACT-24-04(er) with American Compliance Technologies, Inc. for Removal, Disposal and Replacement of Contaminated Soils at Gateway Boulevard and Whitten Road in the amount not-to-exceed \$947,192.00.

Site Location—Gateway Blvd. and Whitten Rd.

