

COMMISSION FILE NO: 23-151-12 **DATE INTRODUCED:** December 4, 2023

INTRODUCED BY: Executive Director (Signature on File in the Office of the Commission)

REFERRED BY COMMISSION CHAIRPERSON TO: Operations Committee

RELATING TO: Change Order Request, Contract C98059C07, Lincoln Avenue Metropolitan Interceptor Sewer Cleaning

SUMMARY:

The Commission is requested to authorize the Executive Director to execute a change order to Contract C98059C07, Lincoln Avenue Metropolitan Interceptor Sewer (MIS) Cleaning, with Taplin Group, LLC, (Taplin) in an amount not to exceed \$156,086.

Earlier this year, Veolia Water Milwaukee (VWM) began to clean a 36-inch MIS in Lincoln Avenue east of Brewers Boulevard. Cleaning this sewer was necessary to allow access to a homeowner's connection, which has been having problems and likely needs repairs. During MIS cleaning, VWM's crews noted a sticky, dark material. VWM stopped cleaning at that time and isolated the material and equipment that was used. The material was confirmed to have polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB's) but at a level well below the Toxic Substances Control Act regulatory threshold of 50 milligrams/kilogram. While the material is below the regulatory threshold, it still needed to be removed and disposed; not allowing material to go downstream will prevent contamination of Milorganite®. Sewer cleaning with this level of PCB's is outside the requirements of the agreement with VWM; therefore, the District publicly bid a contract to perform the sewer cleaning and dispose of the material. Bids were opened in July 2023, and there was one bidder, Taplin, who was determined to be both responsible and responsive. The District executed Contract C98059C07 in August 2023 with Taplin in the amount of \$581,454.

The contract scope consisted of cleaning 465 feet of this MIS, capturing, and dewatering the solids dislodged by the cleaning. The scope also included televising the MIS to verify that solids are removed and disposing the captured/dewatered solids at a landfill.

ATTACHMENTS: **BACKGROUND** ☐ **KEY ISSUES** ☐ **RESOLUTION** ☒
FISCAL NOTE ☒ **S/W/MBE** ☐ **OTHER** ☐ _____

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SUMMARY (Cont'd)

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The contract included a line item for solids removal and disposal as shown below. The District had estimated the quantity at 16 tons, and Taplin had bid the unit price.

Item Description	Units	Quantity	Unit Price	Extension
Solids Material Removal and Disposal	Tons	16	\$3960.57	\$63,369.12

Taplin recently completed the solids removal and disposal and has landfilled all the material. The actual quantity of material removed and disposed of is significantly higher than the 16 tons in the contract. The actual quantity and subsequent revised extension are as follows:

Item Description	Units	Quantity	Unit Price	Extension
Solids Material Removal and Disposal	Tons	55.41	\$3960.57	\$219,455.18

The difference between the original and revised total for this line item is \$156,086. As this increased amount exceeds the Executive Director's delegated authority for change orders, staff is now requesting to authorize the Executive Director to execute a change order in this amount. There have not been any other change orders to this contract.

CHANGE ORDER SUMMARY

PURCHASE ORDER	AMOUNT	PERCENT INCREASE OVER ORIGINAL PURCHASE ORDER	AUTHORIZED BY	SWMBE
Original	\$581,454		Commission	6.0%
Requested Change Order	\$156,086	26.8%	Request of Commission	0.0%
TOTAL	\$737,540			4.7%

RESOLUTION

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Sewer Cleaning

RESOLVED, by the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage Commission, that the Executive Director is authorized to execute a change order to Contract C98059C07, Lincoln Avenue Metropolitan Interceptor Sewer Cleaning, with Taplin Group, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$156,086.