

**AGENDA**



**Recommendation for Council Action**

**AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL**

**Regular Meeting: June 14, 2018**

Item Number: **005**

**Capital Contracting Office**

Authorize additional contingency funding for the construction contract with Pepper-Lawson Waterworks, LLC, for the Walnut Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant Tertiary Filter Rehabilitation project in the amount of \$1,260,900 for a total amount not to exceed \$27,797,800. [Note: This request is for additional contingency funding only. MBE/WBE participation to date information will be provided if a change order is requested.]

**District(s) Affected:** District 1

<p><b>Lead Department</b></p>	<p>Capital Contracting Office</p> <p><b><u>Managing Department(s)</u></b> Public Works Department</p>
<p><b>Fiscal Note</b></p>	<p>Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Capital Budget of Austin Water.</p>
<p><b>Purchasing Language</b></p>	<p>Original contract was awarded through a competitive Invitation for Bid solicitation process.</p>
<p><b>Prior Council Action</b></p>	<p>January 26, 2017 - Council awarded construction contract with Pepper-Lawson Waterworks, LLC, for the Walnut Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant Tertiary Filter Rehabilitation project.</p>
<p><b>For More Information</b></p>	<p>Inquiries should be directed to the City Manager’s Agenda Office, at 512-974-2991 or <a href="mailto:AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov">AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov</a>.</p> <p>NOTE: Respondents to this solicitation, and their representatives, shall direct inquiries to Rolando Fernandez, 512-974-7749, Aiden</p>

	Cohen, 512-974-1929, or the Project Manager, Steve Parks, 512-974-3576.
<b>Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action</b>	May 9, 2018 - Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on a vote of 10-0 with Commissioner Penn absent.

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**Additional Backup Information:**

The tertiary filters at the Walnut Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant serve as the final step in the wastewater treatment process before effluent is discharged to the Colorado River or reused through the City’s Water Reuse Initiative. Filters #1 through #4 were constructed as part of the original plant in 1974; Filters #5 through #10 were added in 1989 when the treatment plant was expanded to a capacity of 60 million gallons per day. The plant capacity was re-rated in 2002 to its current average daily capacity of 75 million gallons per day. The filters are aged and the current construction project involves renovating the filters to ensure their long-term reliability.

The original Council authorization allowed for a 5% contingency for covering the unknown risks associated with the project. It is anticipated that the 5% contingency limit will not be sufficient for the project based on executed change orders and a third change order currently under consideration. Therefore, 5% additional contingency is requested now to ensure timely and efficient change order processing for a successful completion. This will bring the total contingency to 10%.

Prompt action is requested on this item to ensure project delays do not occur. Failure to complete this project in a timely manner may result in delay of other planned projects at the Walnut Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant and may negatively affect the facility’s ability to meet the City’s stringent wastewater effluent requirements.

This project is located within zip code 78724 (District 1).

Pepper-Lawson Waterworks, LLC is located in Houston, Texas.