



**Construction Contract
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

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SUBJECT: Authorize execution of a construction contract with LAUGHLIN-THYSSEN, LTD., Houston, TX, for the Austin Clean Water Program: Little Walnut/Buttermilk - Colony Creek South Wastewater Improvements Project in the amount of \$2,218,811 plus a \$221,881.10 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,440,692.10.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding in the amount of \$2,440,692.10 is included in the Fiscal Year 2003-2004 Capital Budget of the Austin Water Utility.

FISCAL NOTE: A fiscal note is attached.

REQUESTING Public Works
DEPARTMENT:for Austin Water Utility;

**DIRECTOR'S
AUTHORIZATION:** Sondra Creighton

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: John Routh, P.E., 974-7126; Anne Scharlach, P.E., 479-1648; Laura Bohl, 974-7064

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: N/A

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission.

PURCHASING: Lowest bid of five received.

MBE / WBE: 20.96% MBE and 6.85% WBE subcontractor participation.

This construction contract will provide for wastewater improvements in a generally residential area northeast of US Highway 183 and west of Lamar Boulevard. The improvements are intended to replace existing undersized wastewater lines and eliminate the wastewater overflows that have occurred in this area. This project is part of the Austin Water Utility's Austin Clean Water Program (ACWP), which was developed to respond to the requirements of the Environmental Protection Agency's Administrative Order regarding Sanitary Sewer Overflows.

The proposed improvements include the installation of approximately 1,820 linear feet of 12-inch sanitary sewer, 3,600 linear feet of 21-inch sanitary sewer and 2,000 linear feet of 24-inch sanitary sewer, all within existing street Right-of-Way. The impacted streets include Colony Creek Drive, Northgate Boulevard, Briardale Drive, Parkfield Drive and Quail Park Drive. Due to the potential for unknown subsurface conditions and utility conflicts when working in the right-of-way, a 10% contingency in funding has been included to allow for the expeditious processing of any future change orders. The contract allows 300 working days for completion of this project.

Bid documents were distributed to 14 general contractors. Bids were opened on December 4, 2003. Laughlin-Thyssen, Ltd., submitted the lowest of 5 bids received:

Laughlin-Thyssen, Ltd., Houston, TX	\$2,218,811.00
Heyl Construction, Ltd., Leander, TX	\$2,345,515.00
Joe Bland Construction, L.P., Austin, TX	\$2,386,740.00
CC Carlton Industries, Ltd., Austin, TX	\$2,481,150.00
Cash Construction Company, Ltd., Austin, TX	\$2,496,965.00



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The contractor's choice of work methodology provides for 7 areas of subcontracting opportunities listed below. Project specific subgoals stated in the solicitation were 4.28% African American; 14.15% Hispanic; 0.94% Native/Asian American, 6.61% WBE. Total participation estimated on base bid amount of \$2,218,811.00:

TOTAL – PRIME	\$1,601,589.74	72.18%
Laughlin-Thyssen, Ltd., Houston, Tx	\$1,601,589.74	72.18%
MBE TOTAL – SUBCONTRACTORS	\$465,161.76	20.96%
African American Subtotal	\$130,000.00	5.86%
(MB) Alvin Washington Trucking, Austin, Tx (Hauling)	\$130,000.00	5.86%
Hispanic Subtotal	\$314,161.76	14.16%
(MH) Cortez Distributing, San Antonio, Tx. (Pipe and material supply)	\$289,161.76	13.03%
(FH) Lone Star Ready-Mix, Austin, Tx. (Concrete)	\$ 25,000.00	1.13%
Native/Asian American Subtotal	\$21,000.00	0.95%
(MA) BENQWEST, Austin, Tx. (Fuel)	\$21,000.00	0.95%
WBE TOTAL – SUBCONTRACTORS	\$152,059.50	6.85%
(FR) Ann Wilson Construction, Austin, Tx. (asphalt paving)	\$140,000.00	6.31%
(FR) Roadway Specialties, Austin, Tx. (erosion control)	\$11,072.50	0.50%
(FB) All Points Inspection Svcs, Austin, Tx. (photography)	\$987.00	0.04%

The Contractor submitted a MBE/WBE Compliance Plan that was approved by the Department of Small & Minority Business Resources. Second and third low bidder information is provided.

SECOND BIDDER – Heyl Construction, Ltd., Austin, TX \$2,345,515.00
73.87% Non M/WBE prime participation; 4.32% MB; 14.16% MH; 0.98% MA; 6.67% WBE; 0% Non M/WBE subcontractor participation.

THIRD BIDDER – Joe Bland Construction, L.P., Austin, Texas \$2,386,740.00
74.08% Non M/WBE prime participation; 4.28% MB; 14.15% MH; .94% MA; 6.61% WBE; 0.00% Non M/WBE subcontractor participation.

No. 030304-A
WATER AND WASTEWATER COMMISSION RESOLUTION
CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH LAUGHLIN-THYSSEN, LTD., FOR THE AUSTIN CLEAN WATER
PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,218,811 PLUS A \$221,881.10 CONTINGENCY FOR A TOTAL
CONTRACT AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,440,692.10

March 3, 2004
REGULAR MEETING
VOTE: 7-0-1-0

Motion made by: Friese
Commissioners Consenting: Coleman, Warner, Kirfman, Raun, Lee, Miller
Commissioners Dissenting:
Commissioners Abstaining: Pool
Commissioners Absent:

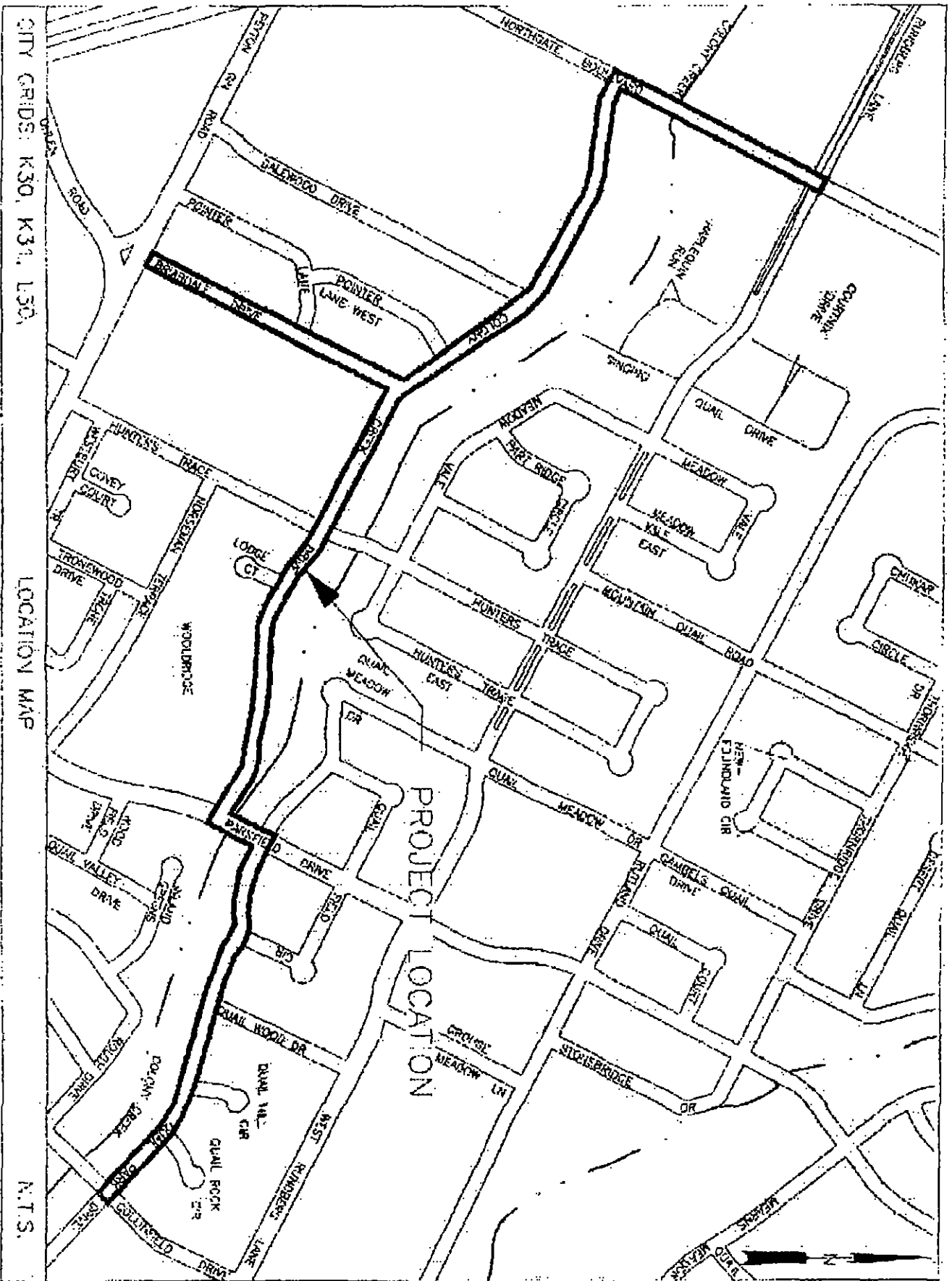
The Water and Wastewater Commission recommends the Council authorize execution of a construction contract with Laughlin-Thyssen, LTD., for the Austin Clean Water Program: Little Walnut/Buttermilk-Colony Creek South Wastewater Improvements Project in the amount of \$2,218,811 plus a \$221,881.10 contingency for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,440,692.10

Commissioner Pool abstained on this item. She feels that she does not know enough about motion to vote for or against it.


Michael Warner, Chairperson
Water and Wastewater Commission

3/3/04
Date

ACWP - LITTLE WALNUT/BUTTERMILK - COLONY CREEK SOUTH WASTEWATER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT



CIP FISCAL NOTE

DATE OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:
WHERE ON AGENDA:
DEPARTMENT:

3/25/2004
Resolution
Austin Water Utility

DESCRIPTION:

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Parent Project Name:	Wastewater Unfunded Future
Project Authorization:	2003-04 Approved Capital Budget
Funding Source:	Commercial Paper
Number:	4570 237 2017

Current Appropriation	\$ 410,907,293.00
Unencumbered Balance	190,287,150.39 *
Amount of This Action	<u>(2,440,692.10)</u>
Remaining Balance	<u>\$ 187,846,458.29</u>
 Current Available Balance	 \$ 201,968,914.52
Less Outstanding Commitments	<u>(11,681,764.13)</u>
Estimated Unencumbered Balance	<u>\$ 190,287,150.39 *</u>

Utility Finance: _____


David Anders, Utilities Finance Manager

Date: 2/25/04

REF. #4570 237 8577