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THROUGH: JESUS A. MEREJO, CHIEF ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER *JAM*  
FROM: BRAD E. MACEK, UTILITY SYSTEMS DIRECTOR *BEM*  
SUBJECT: REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE FOR THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY FOR NEW LIFT STATION  
DATE: FEBRUARY 26, 2021

City Council approved the Utility Systems Department's (USD) request to negotiate for the purchase of property for a proposed lift station on October 26, 2020.

The Utility plans to install a new station in the Oleander area as part of its Capital Improvement Project (CIP) plan to address future growth. However, this area is heavily developed and only a few remaining vacant lots exist. Legal has reached out to three lot owners but has only heard back from the owner of 301 Bay Street with an asking price of \$55,000.

After conferring with Legal, USD moved forward with an appraisal of this unimproved property. Subsequently, the appraised valuation came back at \$35,000. City staff was surprised at the low amount seeing that this is a corner lot (.34 acres) and most of the lot is cleared already. Due to the limited number of unimproved lots in the area, it is USD's recommendation to proceed with the purchase of the lot at the asking price. If the USD does not secure an unimproved property now, there is risk of later having to acquire a property with a house at a much higher cost. The USD would then have to demolish the home prior to designing and building the proposed lift station.

We respectfully request your permission to proceed with this price, since the offer is \$20,000 above the appraisal amount, and bring before City Council through a resolution.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me.

Attachment: Aerial Location Map  
c: Utility Leadership Team

*approved  
Russ Blackburn  
2-26-2021*