

City of Independence

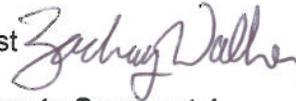
MEMORANDUM

City Council Office

DATE: January 7th, 2013

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Zachary C. Walker, Management Analyst



SUBJECT: Rock Creek Interceptor Improvements Segment 1



Before you is an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with V.F. Anderson Builders in the amount of \$1,862,731.00 for the construction of the Rock Creek Interceptor Improvements Segment 1 as part of the Collection System Remedial Measures Plan. This contract provides for the construction of 3,800 linear feet of gravity sanitary sewer pipe, manholes, concrete encasement, creek crossing, bypass pumping, bore and casing, and all other appurtenances. A large portion of this project will involve work throughout the Mt. Washington Cemetery property. Though the contract amount falls below the \$2 million threshold requiring review by the Management Analyst, the proposed ordinance does authorize administrative approval of change orders not to exceed \$186,000 which could increase the contract above the requisite review sum. As such, in accordance with Section 1.43.007 (D) of the City Code, I have reviewed this contract to ensure protocol was followed in the bidding process.

Having reviewed all applicable documentation and actions related to this bid, it is my opinion that this is a satisfactory contract and all parties have fulfilled their obligations accordingly. Invitation to bid was advertised pursuant to the City Charter and Code of Ordinances. Staff made an additional effort to draw attention to this project by mailing Invitation to Bid notices to various contractors and builders associations. One Addendum was issued to revise bid quantities, project dimensions, and other issues identified in the bid formulation process. This Addendum was issued in compliance with the bid process. 9 bids were submitted, and V.F. Anderson Builders was selected by virtue of being the lowest response by a qualified and responsible bidder.

The price range among the bids is consistent as to suggest all bidders were utilizing similar assumptions and methodologies. The bid submitted by V.F. Anderson Builders is \$122,416 below the engineer's estimate. It is the Director's opinion that V.F. Anderson Builders has been thorough in its assessment, understands the nature of the project, and has provided a bid that is capable of completing the project as expected and required.

The references and background information provided by V.F. Anderson Builders suggest that they have experience in gravity wastewater conveyance-related construction work. They cite six years as a general contractor and 13 years as a subcontractor in performing work of this nature. V.F. Anderson Builders has completed work in excess of \$1,000,000 of similar character and scope for the City of Riverside, Missouri as well as the City of Warrensburg, Missouri. Moreover, they were recently awarded a contract by the City of Independence for Segment 2 of the Rock Creek Interceptor Improvements.

All contract documents have been reviewed and I can find no provisions that would be considered harmful or unacceptable to the City. A bid bond has been submitted as required in the amount of 5% of the contract, and the contractor agrees to complete the project within 150 calendar days prescribed timeline or be levied liquidated damages. The contractor has claimed

a local labor preference by providing 10% of local labor for the work. Finally, the ordinance does allow for administrative approval of change orders up to \$186,000 without further Council approval, which represents the typical 10% allotment provided for most projects.

Please let me know if you should have any further questions regarding this matter.

C: City Manager
City Clerk
John Powell, Public Works Director