

# City of Independence

## MEMORANDUM

City Council Office

DATE: May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Zachary C. Walker, Management Analyst *Zachary Walker*



SUBJECT: Sugar Creek Interceptor Improvements Project 4

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Before you is an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Kissick Construction Company in the amount of \$2,183,197.00 for the construction of the Sugar Creek Interceptor Improvements Project 4 as part of the Collection System Remedial Measures Plan. This contract provides for the construction of 1,200 linear feet of 18 inch and 48 inch gravity sewer pipe and 230 linear feet of two inch forcemain piping, manholes, bypass pumping, asphalt replacement, and all other appurtenances. Because the proposed amount of the contract exceeds \$2 million, I have reviewed the proposed contract and all bid items in accordance with Section 1.43.007 (D) of the City Code to ensure all measures were followed appropriately in the bidding process.

Having reviewed all documents 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 in both The Examiner and The Daily Record. Staff made an appropriate effort to promote awareness of this project by mailing Invitation to Bid notices to 16 contractors who were deemed to be qualified due to the complexities of the project. Four bids were submitted, and Kissick Construction Company 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. All four bids exceeded the engineer's estimate. It is the Public Works Director's opinion that Kissick Construction Company 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 required.

Kissick Construction Company is a full-service construction company based in Kansas City, Missouri that has been in business for 20 years. The references and background information provided by Kissick Construction Company suggest that they have experience in completing projects of a similar nature, including recent work performed on behalf of the Little Blue Valley Sewer District; the Kansas City, Kansas Board of Public Utilities; Kansas City Power and Light; and Nebraska Public Power.

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.

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

C: City Manager  
John Powell, Public Works Director