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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

TO: Jim Scholl, City Manager
E. David Fernandez, Asst. City Manager

FROM: Jay Gewin, Utilities Manager

DATE: May 24, 2010

SUBJECT: **Extending the Contract for DN Higgins on the United St. Stormwater Gravity Well Project to June 23, 2010 on a No-Cost Basis**

ACTION STATEMENT:

This resolution will extend the contract of with DN Higgins, Inc. for the United St. Gravity Well project from June 10, 2010 to June 23, 2010. The City will be billed no extra cost for this extension.

BACKGROUND:

The City Commission awarded a contract for the United St. Stormwater contract to DN Higgins in the amount of \$739,400 at its meeting on December 15, 2009. (Resolution 09-337) 90% of this project was funded through FDOT LAP funds.

This project installed gravity wells at these locations:

- Intersection of United & Simonton St.
- Intersection of United & Whitehead St.
- Intersection of Catherine & Whitehead St.

This project is expected to reduce discharges from nearshore stormwater outfalls and greatly reduce the amount of sediment discharged from the City's storm system into the nearshore waters, providing treatment to the stormwater prior to discharge. The City issued a certificate of substantial completion to DN Higgins on May 24, 2010.

Key to the Caribbean - Average yearly temperature 77° F.

PURPOSE & JUSTIFICATION:

The only work remaining to be done on the project is the painting of intersections, including stop lines and crosswalks. This should only take one day or possibly two. This is best done 30 days after the asphalt has been poured, which occurred in mid-May. Extending the contract to June 23rd will allow the contractor to schedule the work with his subcontractor, and will allow a window if a few rain delays postpone the work.

There were a few unanticipated delays during the course of the project. These included the time needed to receive permits, an unexpected telephone duct bank, the historic manhole and cable from the telegraph to Cuba, and additional sidewalk work to resolve what had previously been a significant safety liability to the City.

OPTIONS:

1. Approve the contract extension with DN Higgins for the United St. Stormwater gravity well project to June 23rd. Doing so will allow adequate time to complete asphalt painting and will not cost the City any money.
2. Do not approve the contract extension. This item is not recommended, because it could result in substandard quality of the project, since the contractor would have to paint the intersections before the asphalt has a chance to cure.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There will be no financial impact to this no-cost contract extension. Additionally, this contract extension will not impact our ability to receive the grant funding for the project as per the City's agreement with FDOT.

RECOMMENDATION:

The staff recommends option # 1, that the City Commission approves an extension to the United St. stormwater project for DN Higgins to June 23, 2010.