

ENGINEER'S RECOMMENDATION TO AWARD

February 14, 2025

City of Elizabeth City, City Council
306 East Colonial Ave.
Elizabeth City, NC 27909

RE: Grace Drive Pump Station Expansion Project

City Council Members,

Sealed bids for the “*Grace Drive Pump Station Expansion*” project were originally received at a public meeting held on January 21st, 2025, at the City’s Council Chambers. At that time, only two (2) bids were received. In accordance North Carolina’s G.S. 143-132, due to receipt of fewer than three (3) bids, the project was readvertised. Following the readvertisement, sealed bids were received for a second time at a public meeting held on February 6th, 2025, at the City’s Council Chambers. At that time, a single bid was received. Because the project had been previously bid, receipt of fewer than three bids is acceptable and readvertisement of the project was not required.

The sole bid was submitted by McPherson Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of **\$3,246,924.15** (three million, two hundred forty-six thousand, nine hundred twenty-four dollars and fifteen cents). The bid has been reviewed and found to be complete and within reasonable range of the engineer’s estimate. All four parts of the bid submittal, including bidder information, proposal, non-collusion affidavit, and bid bond, were submitted as required.

We recommend that the City Council award the contract to the sole responsive bidder, McPherson Enterprises, Inc.

Respectfully,
Timmons Group



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