

SULTAN CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

ITEM NO: Consent C-4

DATE: February 8, 2006

SUBJECT: Contract with Jones & Stokes
Mitigation Plan Options Sewer LID 97-1

CONTACT PERSON: Rick Cisar, Director of Community Development

SUMMARY: The City received a letter (Attachment 1) dated December 7, 2006 from Kristina G. Tong, Regulatory Branch, Department of Army, Corps of Engineers, inquiring about the status of the Wetlands Mitigation Plan that was to be completed in September of 2003 in conjunction with Sewer LID 97-1.

In the response to Ms. Tong, the City noted that work on the mitigation plan was halted do to the difficulties encountered in obtaining the necessary easements from the adjoining property owners. The City has requested a meeting with Ms. Tong to discuss potential options to the original mitigation plan.

Mr. Brian Higgins, of the consulting firm of Jones and Stokes, who prepared the Mitigation Plan for Sewer LID 97-1, recently met with City Staff to discuss the response to Ms. Tong's letter and to review possible options in satisfying the mitigation plan requirements. We asked Mr. Higgins to prepare a contract and cost estimate for their services to assist the City in the development of optional mitigation approaches that the Corps of Engineers may find acceptable.

The City Engineer and Staff have reviewed the proposed cost estimate and finds the contract amount of \$7,031.00 acceptable for the services provided.

FISCAL IMPACT: The contracts estimated amount of \$7,031.00 will be funded from the Sewer LID 97-1 current mitigation plan budget of \$18,000.00. However, Staff anticipates additional funding will be necessary to complete any optional mitigation plan that maybe acceptable to the Corps of Engineers. Staff will return to Council with mitigation alternatives and costs in the next 30 to 60 days.

ANALYSIS:

The contract is necessary to complete the Mitigation Plan obligations for Sewer LID 97-1 and satisfy the Corps of Engineers to avoid enforcement actions against the City.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Authorize the Mayor to sign the contract with Jones and Stokes in amount of \$7,031.00 to develop the Mitigation Plan Options for Sewer LID 97-1. This alternative will assist the City in meeting the City's obligations associated with the Sewer LID 97-1 project and avoid enforcement actions against the City by the Corps of Engineers.

2. Do not authorize the Mayor to sign the contract with Jones and Stokes for the development of Mitigation Plan Options for Sewer LID 97-1. This alternative would further delay the completion of the Mitigation Plan for Sewer LID 97-1 and cause enforcement actions by the Corps of Engineers.

3. Do not authorize and direct Staff to areas of concern.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Authorize Mayor to sign a contract with Jones and Stokes in the amount of \$7,031.00 for the completion of the Mitigation Plan Options for Sewer LID-97.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

COUNCIL ACTION:

DATE:

ATTACHMENTS:

1. December 7, 2006 letter Corps of Engineers
2. City response letter dated January 4, 2007
3. Jones and Stokes Scope of Work/Cost Estimate.