

MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 4, 2025

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Commission

VIA: James Slaton, City Manager
Sarah B. Kirkland, Public Works Director

FROM: Margarita Dimaz, Utilities Support Manager

RE: Masterpiece Forcemain Extension

SYNOPSIS: Staff proposes to install approximately 1100 linear feet of 6-inch forcemain to assist in the expansion of the sanitary sewer system along Masterpiece Road, Burns Avenue and Buckmoore Road.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Commission take the following action:

1. Approve expending funds of \$368,240.00 to Lopez Underground Construction, Inc. for labor and \$116,943.00 to Hayes Pipe Supply for the purchase of materials to extend the force main along Masterpiece Road, Burn Avenue, and Buckmoore Road.
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute the appropriate documents, on the City's behalf.

BACKGROUND

As a part of serving the residents of the City of Lake Wales, and expanding the sanitary sewer, the City frequently looks for properties within the City's service area that does not currently have sanitary sewer service. The purpose of this project is to install 1,100 (eleven hundred) linear feet of 6-inch forcemain by directional drill along Masterpiece Road to support the expansion of the sanitary sewer system as a part of the Masterpiece Forcemain Extension. This improvement is intended to increase system capacity, enhance service reliability, and accommodate the anticipated future growth within the area. The proposed installation will help ensure efficient wastewater conveyance and provide the necessary infrastructure to meet long-term community needs. To save time and money this project is a labor only contract. Given the current industry and lead times for material staff will purchase material through a city vendor and supply material to the contractor for installation. Staff solicited quotes and allowed the contractor to determine the method for installation. The lowest bidder provided a bid for directional drill installation.

Staff recommends the Commission take the following action, approve expending funds of \$368,240.00 to Lopez Underground Construction, Inc. for labor and \$116,943.28 to Hayes Pipe Supply for the purchase of materials for the forcemain extension on Masterpiece Road and authorize the City Manager to execute the appropriate documents, on the City's behalf. We chose to go along with Hayes Pipe Supply, although they are the highest bidder once Hayes reviewed

the submitted plans for this project, Hayes addressed parts and items, we had missed on the initial quote submittal.

OTHER OPTIONS

The Commission could deny the expenditure of funds to facilitate the expansion of the sanitary sewer system along Masterpiece Road. If the proposal to install approximately 1,100 linear feet of 6-inch forcemain for the Masterpiece Forcemain Extension is denied, the planned expansion of the sanitary sewer system will be delayed, limiting the system's ability to accommodate future growth and improve service reliability. Existing infrastructure may continue to experience capacity constraints, potentially increasing the risk of operational inefficiencies or service interruptions. Staff may need to explore alternative solutions or revisit the project scope, which could result in higher future costs and extended timelines for addressing the community's long-term wastewater needs.

FISCAL IMPACT

The funds of \$116,943.28 for material and \$368,240.00 for labor, totaling \$485,183.28 will come from FY'25-'26 Capital Improvements Force Main Upgrades budget line item.

ATTACHMENTS

Estimates for labor and material for the Masterpiece Road Forcemain.

Materials

Core & Main	\$105,179.84
Ferguson	\$111,868.19
Fortiline	\$ 99,184.86
Hayes Pipe Supply	\$116,943.28

Contractor

Evans & Lyles	\$701,862.00
Odom Contracting	\$406,265.00
Lopez Construction	\$327,948.00 (Open Cut)
Lopez Construction	\$368,240.00 (Directional Drill)