

## MEMORANDUM

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January 13, 2026

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Commission

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

**FROM:** Holly Britt, Utilities Operations Manager

**RE:** Southside Force Main Cleaning

**SYNOPSIS:** Staff is recommending the approval to expend funds for \$51,399.60 for the force main cleaning services provided by Professional Piping Services.

### RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the City Commission consider taking the following action:

1. Approve the expenditure of funds for \$51,399.60 for force main cleaning performed by Professional Piping Inc.

### BACKGROUND

The Southside force main requires cleaning on a periodic basis due to the distance this line must travel to reach the wastewater treatment plant, the low flow conditions, and the drastic topographical changes that exist in the south side force main service area. Sediment such as sand, plastics and paper tend to settle to the bottom of the pipe due to the low velocities of the liquid pushing the sediment. The method proposed for the cleaning of the force main is called the progressive poly pig procedure.

Staff recommends the commission take the following action, approve staff to piggyback on the Manatee County Annual contract with Professional Piping Services and accept the price quote submitted by Professional Piping Services in the amount of \$51,399.60 for the necessary cleaning of the force main.

### FISCAL IMPACT

\$225,000 was budgeted in the Wastewater Division's FY '25'26 M & R Lines and Mains operating budget for this purpose.

### OTHER OPTIONS

None. Without this required annual cleaning, the force main would become plugged and become inoperable. This in turn would cut off the sewer service for the subdivisions being serviced by this forcemain.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Professional Piping Services Quote # 1225-3192