



Utility Field Operations

Wastewater Pumping
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MEMORANDUM #2021-78

DATE: September 30, 2021

TO: Greg Harrison, City Manager

FROM: Nathaniel J Watson, Water/Reuse Construction Manager

Via: A. Randolph Brown, Utilities Director

SUBJECT: General Release Agreement - Utility Repair Reimbursement

On Tuesday, June 22, 2021 the City received notice that a directional bore drilled through our 24" reclaimed water main located at the intersection of NE 14th Street/Causeway and NE 23rd Avenue. An emergency procurement was done to issue an emergency purchase order for the repair. This was approved at the September 14th Commission meeting.

Prior to this incident, a work order was issued to High Tech Engineering Incorporated to provide subsurface facility/utility locating services to identify and mark the location of subsurface fiber optic communications cables at the address mentioned above. However, City alleged High Tech failed to identify and mark the location of the 24" reclaim water main and caused Maya to strike and damage the main during excavation.

City and High Tech dispute the liability and desire to avoid the expense, inconvenience, and uncertainties of the litigation, and settle their claims and differences. High Tech will pay city a sum of \$167,968.31 and City will fully release High Tech from any further obligation, liability, or responsibility arising out of the incident.

Funds from settlement will be deposited to account #420-7282-533.65-12 CIP#06-904 Capital Projects-Reuse Distribution Expansion.