



**CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS**  
**City Council Agenda Communication**

**Meeting Date:** May 18, 2020

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**Agenda Item:** Lawndale Trench Backfill Change Order Approval

**Explanation:** The previous philosophy on the Lawndale utilities was that the City was going to put the water, storm, and sanitary wherever we wanted and the other utilities would need to move to accommodate. This is not a philosophy that is conducive to timely construction without a long lead time for utilities to relocate. Utility companies originally given preliminary plans a year ago but after a long lull of the project not moving forward, the utility companies did not move forward with relocation.

The design of the water main was done in a manner to keep it out of the proposed roadway and to keep it between the sidewalk and curb. This area is where the existing gas main runs for Lawndale. With that being said, we can choose to have the gas main relocate which will delay the project months or we can move the watermain back into the roadway. Moving the watermain back into the roadway will increase the amount of trench backfill that we need and will increase the cost of the project by over \$18,000.

Bid Amount: \$1,798,518.76

- Change Order 1: \$18,368 (1.02% Increase)

**Fiscal Impact:** A total of \$256,500 was included in the FY2020-21 adopted budget for the Public Water portion of the Lawndale Project. This additional cost would come from account 500-00-800-3000.

**Recommendation Summary:** With the first installment due of the residents' share of the private benefit established by the Special Service Area, staff recommends that we move forward with the watermain to be relocated under the roadway in order for the project to get moving.

**Action Requested:** Approval of the Change Order.