

Office of the City Manager

City of Richland Hills, Texas

Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor Edward Lopez and members of the Richland Hills City Council
From: Eric Strong, City Manager
Date: March 25, 2019
Subject: Future Street Improvements

City Council Action Requested:

Consideration of future street improvement projects

Background Information:

In November of 2018, residents chose to allocate 3/8^{ths} cent of our sales tax to street improvements. This reallocated tax will begin to be collected by the city in June of this year. We anticipate collecting approximately \$400,000 this budget year for this fund. Staff is still prioritizing all of the streets that need to be worked on and combining that data with our underground utilities conditions. This will give us a comprehensive look at what we need to replace on each street.

While we compile that data, we have identified several streets that need to be replaced for which we know that we do not have to do any underground utility replacements.

Staff recommends starting our street improvements with those projects.

The streets we have identified so far are:

1. 3600 block of Landy Lane
2. 3600 block of Chaffin Drive
3. 6400 block of Lavon
4. 6500 block of Lavon

We are estimating a cost of \$150 per linear foot (which includes curb and gutter replacement). At that estimated price, we estimate the projects listed above to cost \$365,000, which is under the \$400,000 we anticipate collecting this year. We would like your feedback on moving forward with these streets and the timing of when you want us to start. Given the value of the job, we have two options for how to proceed:

1. Put out a competitive bid
2. Use a cooperative purchasing agreement with another city that has already bid this scope of work

The second option would be faster, but it would require us to find a contract that we can attach ourselves to and have the vendor agree to do the work for us under their pricing that they used in that contract. We have not explored that yet to know if we can find a competitive contract to use.

If not, or if council would rather just bid the project, we can start that process. This will take a little more time, but we would still have plenty of time to bid the job and complete the work in this budget year. I would anticipate the bidding process to take 4-6 weeks, and then we would schedule mobilization of the contractor sometime after that.

The purpose of this agenda item is to receive direction from the council on both the streets we have identified as well as the method in which we proceed with the work.

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