

Council Agenda Item 26-0711R



MEETING DATE: August 10, 2026

SUBJECT/TITLE: RESOLUTION AMENDING A CONTRACT WITH LHB, INC. TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING AND DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT - DENFELD PROJECT, TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT BY \$25,666.50 FOR A NEW TOTAL OF \$388,256.50.

SUBMITTED BY: Jon Maruska, Senior Engineering Specialist, Public Works & Utilities, Engineering Division

RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: N/A

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION: May 27, 2025: Council approved a resolution to authorize an agreement with LHB, Inc. for engineering service to design the Lead Service Line Replacement – Denfeld project.

BACKGROUND: The EPA’s Lead and Copper Rule Improvements (LCRI) require water systems to replace all lead water services by 2037. The Minnesota Public Facilities Authority (PFA) is distributing federal and state funds designated for lead service line replacement (LSLR) projects. Lead service line replacement projects require preliminary material verification, extensive public outreach prior to construction, and necessitate early project planning for maximum owner participation. Actual funding amounts available to Duluth for 2026 lead service line replacement projects are lower than early estimates from PFA. To maximize funding usage and number of LSLRs completed in 2026, LHB Inc. was requested to split the project area of an ongoing design effort and create two separate sets of bidding documents. One plan is sized to exhaust available funding in 2026, and the second plan will be ready for construction contingent upon future funding.

BUDGET/FISCAL IMPACT: The costs associated with the contract amendment will be paid from Water Fund 510, Department 500 (Public Works & Utilities), Division 1905 (Capital, inc. deprec/debt svc.), Object 5533 (Capital Improvements-Revenue), city project no. 2322 (Lead Service Line Replacement – Denfeld) and are eligible for reimbursement through an active funding project order with the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority.

OPTIONS: Approve or delay lead service line replacement project planning and construction for current and future construction seasons.

NECESSARY ACTION: Approve contract amendment.

ATTACHMENTS: Amendment Request Documentation.