

Council Agenda Item 26-0287R



MEETING DATE: April 13, 2026

SUBJECT/TITLE: RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO MJ COMPANIES LLC FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT – DENFELD 1 PROJECT FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,199,565.00.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: N/A

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION: N/A

BACKGROUND: The EPA’s Lead and Copper Rule Improvements (LCRI) require water systems to replace all lead water services by the end of 2037. This project will replace 79 lead water services in the Denfeld neighborhood. Project costs will be reimbursed through the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority (PFA). Duluth’s 2025 lead service line replacement projects were completed under budget allowing remaining funding to be utilized in 2026 including construction of this project.

BUDGET/FISCAL IMPACT:

- Engineer’s Estimate \$1,500,000.00
- As-bid Cost \$1,199,565.00
- PFA Reimbursable Costs \$1,199,565.00
- City Utility Costs \$ 0.00

OPTIONS:

- 1) Approve – This option will replace antiquated infrastructure, capture available Federal and State infrastructure funding, further the City’s efforts to meet the requirements of the LCRI, and best serve the public health of Duluth’s residents.
- 2) Do Not Approve - This option would delay necessary lead service line replacements and leave available funding unutilized.

NECESSARY ACTION: Approve the purchase.

ATTACHMENTS: Location Map, bid tab.