



MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Bowlin and City Council Members
From: Rick C. Brown, Director of Public Works / City Engineer
Date: April 7, 2022
Re: Recommendation for the Indefinite Postponement of Bill #2675

Background

At the March 14th meeting of the City Council, Bill #2675 was postponed allowing time to develop a potential amendment to the bill. This was necessary after Tom Kelpé provided notice that he was unwilling to complete the 2022 Concrete Street and Sidewalk Replacement project, based on the 4.4% increase included in Bill #2675. The Department was hopeful that a proposal, agreeable to Kelpé Contracting, could be received, and presented to the City Council for approval as an amended bill.

However, immediately following the March 14th meeting, Tom Kelpé notified us that, due to recent project awards, his 2022 project workload is full. For that reason, Kelpé Contracting will be unable to complete our project this year.

Therefore, the Department immediately advertised our 2022 Concrete Street and Sidewalk Replacement project for bids, which were opened on Thursday, March 24th. The bids received will be presented to the Admin/PW Committee at their meeting on April 12th for review and consideration. Therefore, based on these events, we are unable to move forward with Bill #2675, and request that it be postponed indefinitely.

Recommendation

The Department of Public Works is recommending the indefinite postponement of Bill #2675.

Reasons for Recommendation

- Kelpé Contracting, Inc. has provided notice they are unable to complete our 2022 Concrete Street and Sidewalk Replacement project. Due to recent project awards, their 2022 project workload is full. Thus, Bill #2675 should not be considered for final passage by the City Council.
- The Department advertised and opened bids for the 2022 Concrete Street and Sidewalk Replacement project on March 24th. Those bids will be presented to the Admin/PW Committee for consideration at their meeting on April 12th.

I will be available for any questions at the April 11th City Council meeting.

RCB