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	<b>Agenda Item No.</b>	<b>22</b>
	<b>Roll Call No.</b>	<b><u>14-0386</u></b>
	<b>Communication No.</b>	<b><u>14-091</u></b>
	<b>Submitted by:</b>	<b>Patrick J. Kozitza, Public Works Director</b>

**AGENDA HEADING:**

Approving additional expenses for plumbing services related to construction/maintenance of sanitary sewer mains.

**SYNOPSIS:**

The Department of Public Works spends approximately \$100,000 for plumbing services in conjunction with its sanitary sewer maintenance program when private services are disrupted while performing repairs to the City sewer system. The Department of Public Works has determined that an additional \$48,000 may be needed to finish out the current fiscal year.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Amount: \$48,000

Funding Source: PW 247411-526070; Sanitary Sewer Maintenance, Repair & Maintenance Plumbing

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

The Sewer Maintenance Division of the Department of Public Works must utilize licensed plumbers to hook up private sewer service laterals as required by the Plumbing Code of the City of Des Moines. These repairs are necessary when private service laterals are compromised during repairs of City owned sanitary sewer mains.

The blanket order was approved by Council on February 27, 2012, by Roll Call No. 12-0304, in the amount of \$80,000. The Sewer Maintenance Division needs to increase this blanket order by an additional \$48,000 to cover the upcoming construction season.

It is impossible to accurately estimate how many private sewer service laterals will be compromised by sanitary sewer repairs during a construction season. One repair of a sanitary sewer main may not affect any private sewer service laterals, while a second repair could affect four (4) or more private sewer service laterals. The work may also constitute more than merely hooking the private sewer service lateral back up to the City-owned sewer main, often times the contracted plumber must replace one (1) or more sections of the private sewer service lateral if the lateral itself will not meet the requirements of the Plumbing Inspector. This often requires additional excavation, additional pavement removal and replacement and additional backfill material.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: February 27, 2012

Roll Call Number: [12-0304](#)

Action: Bids from the following:

- (C) [Central](#) Iowa Mechanical (Larry Goode, Jr., President) and Baker Mechanical (B.J. Baker III, President) for an annual contract with two (2) additional one-year renewal options to furnish plumbing services related to the construction and/or maintenance of City-owned sanitary sewer mains for use by the Public Works Department, annual estimated amount \$80,000. (Eleven bids mailed, four received). Moved by Meyer to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE**

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**

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