

## **C-19**

November 17, 2020

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
City of Long Beach  
California

### RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute all documents necessary to amend Contract No. 34416 with Koppl Pipeline Services, Inc., of Montebello, CA, for furnishing and delivering pipeline stopper fittings and providing as-needed and/or emergency tapping and stopping services for natural gas pipelines, to extend the term an additional 12 months. (Citywide)

### DISCUSSION

City Council approval is requested to amend Contract No. 34416 with Koppl Pipeline Services, Inc. (Koppl), for furnishing and delivering pipeline stopper fittings on an as-needed basis, to extend the contract term, which expired on October 1, 2020, for an additional 12 months.

On August 9, 2016, the City Council awarded a contract to Koppl in an annual amount of \$400,000, for a period of two years with the option to renew for two additional one-year periods. Koppl performs as-needed or emergency tapping and stopping services on natural gas pipelines greater than 12 inches in diameter for the Department of Energy Resources (ER), to safely and efficiently interrupt the flow of natural gas.

ER operates over 58 miles of natural gas pipeline that are greater than 12 inches in diameter. These larger diameter pipelines form part of the backbone of the City's natural gas delivery system. ER does not possess the tools and equipment necessary to control and stop the flow of natural gas on these larger pipelines and must rely on aging valves to control and stop gas flow. As a result, existing conditions require removal of large sections of pipelines from service to perform repairs. In addition, experience has shown that these aging valves tend to bypass or vent when closed and do not completely stop the flow of gas. Therefore, the contract extension with Koppl is necessary to allow for the uninterrupted continuation of services while a new procurement process is completed.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Richard F. Anthony and Business Service Bureau Manager Tara Yeats on October 21, 2020, and by Revenue Management Officer Geraldine Alejo on October 23, 2020.

### TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action to amend Contract 34416 is requested on November 17, 2020, to ensure the amendment is in place expeditiously.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The requested amendment will extend the contract term for a one-year period through October 1, 2021. The total annual contract amount will not exceed the original authorized amount of \$400,000 and is currently budgeted in the Gas Fund Group in the Energy Resources Department. This recommendation has no staffing impact beyond the normal budgeted scope of duties and is consistent with existing City Council priorities. There is no local job impact associated with the recommendation.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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DIRECTOR OF ENERGY RESOURCES

APPROVED:



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THOMAS B. MODICA  
CITY MANAGER