



**AGENDA MEMO**  
12/3/2013 Agenda

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Gene R. Smallwood, P.E.; Director of Public Works

**SUBJECT:** Bids – Caruth Park Drainage

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**BACKGROUND:**

Bids were received on May 23<sup>rd</sup> for drainage improvements north from Caruth Park to Caruth Blvd. The existing open channel failed, and staff solicited bids for two alternatives:

- Reconstruction of the walls and base of the open channel;
- Installation of a reinforce concrete box culvert (RCB);

Three contractors responded to the request for bids, with Flow-Line Construction submitting the low bid at \$320,660. Only one of the three contractors bid the “open-channel” alternative, and his bid was considerably higher than all three bids for the RCB.

The RCB will provide a north pedestrian access to the park from Caruth Blvd. Funding for the project is from the Stormwater Utility Fund (05). Prior to design and bids, the project was estimated at \$270,000. The additional expenditures will be covered by fund balance that will be transferred from the Utility Fund (02) to the Stormwater Utility Fund (05) later in FY 2104.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that City Council approve the Flow-Line Construction bid and authorize the City Manager to execute a contract.