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# Memo

To: North Pole City Council  
From: Bill Butler  
Date: June 1, 2021  
Subject: Approve request to use a Request for Proposals for the Doughchee Avenue Rehabilitation and Drainage Project: 2021

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The Code allows the use of a Request for Proposals versus an Invitation to Bid but only with Council approval. The Council approved \$100,000 in the Public Works 2021 budget for rehabilitation work on Doughchee Avenue spanning the short section from Badge Road to the western edge of the Doughchee Bridge. State Fish and Game has been working with me to potentially fund up to \$50,000 for work adjacent to the road to help control drainage (bad drainage is damaging the bridge abutment). If you drive this section of Doughchee, you will see dips and significant damage to the asphalt due to ground movement. The purpose of the paving project is to try to stop this annual road damage by excavating out bad fill and replacing it with good fill. Until the contractor begins to tear the road up, we do not know how much excavation will need to occur and how much fill will be needed. Also, the construction of the drainage along the road will require working in conjunction with the contractor. We chose this approach for the road rehabilitation and drainage installation because engineering and design cost could consume \$25,000 to \$50,000 not leaving enough money to do the project. Add to that for any project costing over \$50,000, the contractor must pay Davis-Bacon wages and the project would not be feasible with the available budget. Cody and I think that by working cooperatively with a contractor we can save the engineering and design cost and have enough money to do the project, but to do this, we need to use a Request for Proposals.