



Agenda Item Summary

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Agenda Item Title

A Resolution Authorizing the Submission of a Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago Stormwater Partnership Program Application for the Lemoyne Street Sewer Project

Overview

This resolution authorizes staff to submit an application to the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) for their Stormwater Partnership Program which is a cost sharing grant program for a proposed flood mitigation project on Lemoyne Street from East Avenue to Edmer Avenue. The Lemoyne Sewer Project is already included in the FY2020 budget and any grant funds received would offset local water and sewer funds.

Recommendation

Approve the Resolution

Fiscal Impact

The FY2020 Budget includes \$1,500,000 in funds in the Water and Sewer Fund, Public Works - Sewer, Sewer Collection, Capital Improvements account no. 5040-43750-781-570707 for the Lemoyne Street Flood Mitigation Project.

The MWRD cost sharing program does not have a predefined local match cost sharing percentage requirement or maximum or minimum levels of funding. Final cost sharing amounts will be determined after MWRD selects receipts of their grants. Based on staff's understanding of typical projects which have received similar MWRD funding in the past, staff is estimating that should the Village receive the grant that MWRD may fund the project at a 50/50 cost sharing split for roughly \$750,000 in MWRD funding and \$750,000 in Village funds depending on final costs of the project once design is completed.

Should the Village be awarded the cost sharing grant, construction of the project will need to be deferred until 2021 in order to allow for time to complete an IGA with MWRD for the grant.

Background

The Village's Combined Sewer System Master Plan Report identifies a number of larger relief sewer projects to improve the performance of the Village's combined sewer system which will reduce the frequency and severity of sewer backups into basements. Relief sewer projects were scored on a benefit to cost ratio in

order to prioritize these large improvements. The proposed sewer project on Lemoyne Street will improve the capacity of the sewers along the adjacent 1100 and 1200 north blocks of Fair Oaks, Elmwood, Rossell, and Edmer Avenues.

Staff is currently designing the plans for this project which is estimated to cost approximately \$1.5M. Based on conversations with MWRD and their typical funding levels for this cost sharing program, staff is estimating that should the Village receive a grant it may be in the range of 50% of the cost of the project, roughly \$750,000 in MWRD assistance to help fund this project and offset local cost.

Should the Village be awarded the cost sharing grant, construction of the project will need to be deferred until 2021 in order to allow for time to complete an IGA with MWRD for the grant.

Grant applications are due on February 14, 2020 with an anticipated award notice in the summer of 2020.

Alternatives

The Village could decline the opportunity to submit a grant application for this project.

Previous Board Action

N/A.

Citizen Advisory Commission Action

N/A.

Anticipated Future Actions/Commitments

Should the Village of Oak Park be awarded a MWRD grant, the Village will need to enter into an intergovernmental agreement for this grant.

Intergovernmental Cooperation Opportunities

The MWRD Green Infrastructure Program involves MWRD working with the Village of Oak Park to provide funding for flood relief projects.