



City of Pataskala

Legislative Report to Council

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August 7, 2023 Council Meeting

Unfinished Business

A. Ordinances



B. Resolutions



New Business

A. Ordinances



Consent Agenda

3. Motions



4. Resolution

- **RESOLUTION 2023-062 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ACCEPT THE BID OF, AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH, SPENCO EXCAVATING, INC. FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES FOR THE OPWC FUNDED VINE STREET STORM SEWER PROJECT**

The purpose of the Vine Street Storm Sewer project is to relieve flooding that occurs on Linda Ave. due to heavy rain events. The existing system relies on old field tile across private property where no easements have been identified. The project will provide new storm sewer in the public right-of-way that is sized to accommodate the drainage area. Approximately 1600' of new storm sewer will be placed along Vine St. and Linda Ave., and both streets will be repaved as part of the project.

The bid opening for construction of the Vine Street Storm Sewer project was held on Thursday, June 29, 2023. This was a re-bid, as no bids were received for the first bid opening. Only one bid was received for the re-bid, and that bid was from Spenco Excavating, Inc. Their bid came in at \$735,886.22, which is within 10% of the

engineer's estimate, and therefore awardable. American Structurepoint, Inc. has reviewed the bid packages and found that all is in order with the bids. The Public Service Director conducted reference checks and did not find any items of note.

The project is identified in the PSD CIP budget as project SVC-22-004. \$650,000 was identified in the budget for this project, but the City was also awarded OPWC funding for this project. The OPWC award has provided the City with an additional \$225,000 in grant and \$75,000 in loan. Accordingly, even with the unexpected increase in project cost, the City should still see savings from the planned CIP budget with the addition of the OPWC funds.

As has become standard practice, the total request of \$760,000 includes contingency funding above and beyond the contract value. This consideration allows the administration to continue to work through small scope of work changes and cost increases without the need to return to Council and potentially delay project progress.

Approval of Resolution 2023-062 is recommended.

➤ **RESOLUTION 2023-063 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH PRIME CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT & SURVEY, INC. TO PROVIDE CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION AND INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE VINE STREET STORM SEWER PROJECT.**

Approval of this resolution will authorize the City Administrator to enter into an agreement with Prime Construction Management & Survey, Inc. to provide Construction Administration and Inspection services for the Vine Street Storm Sewer project. Construction administration services include review of shop drawings, pay application and change order review and preparation, and daily administration of the contract including coordination with the inspector. Construction Inspection services will include an inspector being on-site full-time during project operations, who will observe, document, and report construction activities. Both services are needed to ensure successful implementation of the plans in accordance with the specifications.

Funding of Construction Administration and Inspection Services for the Vine Street Storm Sewer project is included in the 2023 budget as part of PSD CIP Project SVC-22-004.

Approval of this resolution is recommended.

➤ **RESOLUTION 2023-064- A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH SPENCO. EXCAVATING, INC. TO REPLACE A 48" CULVERT UNDER TAYLOR ROAD.**

The culvert in question crosses Taylor Road between the new Dariy Queen and the COTC building. This culvert has been inspected in and of itself in the not too distant past and found to be in fair condition. However, during a recent trip to the culvert to clear a log and debris that was caught on it, some further investigation was done; specifically, the culvert that runs under the COTC parking lot was investigated to ensure that it was not blocked. During this investigation, it was noted that the culvert under the parking lot is 48", but the culvert under the road has been reduced to 38" due to the sleeve that was installed at some point in the past.

While this reduction in cross section does not tell the whole story concerning capacity, as the capacity loss from cross section was reduced by changing from a corrugated pipe to a smooth wall pipe, this pipe does have reduced capacity.

Considering the number of times this section of roadway has flooded in the past few years, I believe it is important to regain any capacity that is available. Replacing this sleeved, reduced section culvert with a 48" smooth wall pipe will not solve the flooding, but it will reduce the extent and duration of flooding when it does occur as well as the number of times the roadway floods.

Funds for this project are available in the 2023 budget from PSD CIP project SVC-19-002, 2023 Storm System Maintenance project.

Approval of this Resolution is recommended.

➤ **RESOLUTION 2023-066 - USW CONTRACT RATIFICATION**

The city has reached tentative agreement with the United Steel Workers (USW) on all issues, including wages and benefits. The USW members have voted on the agreement and approved it as presented. Resolution 2023-066 has been prepared and is being presented to Council for consideration at the August 7th meeting. Here are some of highlights of the proposed contract:

- Calls for 8.0% wage scale increase in 2023, 3.0% in 2024 and 3.0% in 2025.
- Provides for longevity bonuses of \$625 per person to be paid in July (on payroll as of 6/30) and in December (on payroll as of 11/30) in 2024 and 2025.
- Provides for on-call pay of 3 hours of overtime per week to the employee assigned to be on-call for that week. Requirement that the employee be 'duty ready' at all times and without any evidence of use of alcohol.
- Formally added the Juneteenth Day holiday (June 19) to the list of observed holidays.
- Increases overtime rate for hours worked on an observed holiday from 1.5x to 2.0x.
- Employee contributions toward the health care insurance premiums will remain at 10% for 2023 through 2025.
- Increases sick leave accruals from 3.076 hours per pay (80 hours per year) to 4.615 hours per pay (120 hours per year).
- Provides for employees to be able to use sick leave during the first four (4) weeks following the birth or adoption of a child.
- Allows employees to take vacation leave in minimum 15-minute increments instead of 2-hour increments in the 2019-2022 contract.
- Provides for the creation of two (2) new positions: Lead Equipment Operator and Maintenance Worker II.
- Provides city payment of employee costs to obtain optional licenses, registrations or certifications.
- Numerous changes to existing language for clarification and consistency purposes.