



ITEM REPORT CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Date: 12/02/2024
Agenda Section: Unfinished Business

Department: Public Works – City Engineer

Agenda Item: Forcemain Project Easements

No Approvals required.

BACKGROUND

The Council and Staff should be aware that Staff will be sending letters to property owners on requests to formalize easements for the new replacement (and existing) forcemain.

Besides working with property owners on acquiring proposed easements, we are presently using computer analysis tools to see what the impacts of connecting two lift stations – the Main Gravdahl lift station and the Industrial / Business Park lift station – into the one main forcemain out to the wastewater treatment facility.

We believe this approach – once we figure out all the details – will be the most efficient approach over the long-term for the City.

Another item we are working on is coordinating with funding assistance agencies. As a reminder, we helped the City obtain a \$600,000 grant from the State’s (Department of Employment and Economic Development – DEED) Small Cities Development Program (SCDP). This grant is good into 2026.

We are also helping in obtaining a low-interest loan from the State’s (Public Facilities Authority – PFA) Clean Water Revolving Fund (CWRF). As part of this process, the City needs to request placement on the Intended Use Plan (IUP). The City did this the previous year, but, then the proposed developments in the Heart Of The Good Life (HOTGL) development came into play, we stepped back to look at the best way for the City’s system to handle these flows – and possible future flows – and realized that working with property owners on easements will take some time. Thus, we prepared a draft letter to the PFA from the City.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

As explained above – combination of grants, loans, and City Wastewater Enterprise funds.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED

No formal action needed at this time.