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NOTICE OF CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

The Cedar Rapids City Council will meet in Special Session on Tuesday, November 27, 2018 at 4:30 PM in the Council Chambers, 3rd Floor, City Hall, 101 First Street SE, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, to discuss and possibly act upon the matters as set forth below in this tentative agenda. (Please silence mobile devices.)

AGENDA

1. Resolution authorizing the Project Partnership Agreement with the Department of the Army for the Cedar River, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Flood Risk Management Project in the estimated amount of $117.48 million. CIP/DID #3314500-00

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Description of Agenda Item: Purchases, contracts and agreements
Resolution authorizing the execution of the Project Partnership Agreement (PPA) with the Department of the Army for the Cedar River, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Flood Risk Management Project in the estimated amount of $117.48 million.
CIP/DID #3314500-00

EnvisionCR Element/Goal: ProtectCR Goal 1: Protect Cedar Rapids from flooding and other hazards.

Background: The flooding of the Cedar River in 2008 led to the City of Cedar Rapids requesting the Department of the Army - United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to perform a feasibility study to determine a flood risk reduction project that could be federally funded. The USACE concluded that the east side of the river qualified for a federal interest in a flood risk reduction project. In 2014, Congress approved the Cedar Rapids Flood Risk Management project, though did not appropriate funds. In July 2018, Congress announced funding for the approved Cedar Rapids Flood Risk Management project. The proposed Project Partnership Agreement (PPA) is a contract between USACE and the City of Cedar Rapids with terms and conditions for the City and USACE to develop and proceed with the project.

The PPA requires the City to participate a minimum of 35% of the project authorized by the federal legislation (2017 estimate of $117.48 by the USACE). The City’s share may include work-in-kind product (such as previously completed flood control segments), and must also have a minimum of 5% cash contribution. The PPA authorizes the USACE to approve their total cost of the project as 65% of the $117.48 million estimate, which is $76.36 million. Additionally, the PPA has provisions for the federal government to loan the City up to 35% ($41.12 million by the 2017 estimate), to be paid back over 30 years with interest. The project is required to be completed in 2023.

The federal authorized project does not include necessary and integral parts to the flood control system, such as:
- additional height to accommodate the west side system,
- additional cost to extend to J Avenue NE
- enclosed pump stations to be commensurate with the neighborhoods,
larger pump stations designed to handle the 5-year rainfall event behind the flood control system in order to remove the properties from the 100 year flood plain and requirement to purchase FEMA flood insurance.

With these other non-federal participating items, the City estimates the balance of the east side system to completion is approximately $180 million. Subtracting the $76.36 million federal participation, the non-federal (City) share to complete the east side system is approximately $100 million. This amount to complete the east side system was included in the previous financial considerations by the City Council and adopted in the financial chapter of the FCS Master Plan in September 2018. By accepting the PPA, the City will be committing to completing the east side flood protection and provide the necessary funding.

**Action/Recommendation:** The Public Works Department recommends adopting the Project Partnership Agreement.

**Alternative Recommendation:** None

**Time Sensitivity:** Normal

**Resolution Date:** November 27, 2018

**Budget Information:** Dept 331100 – CIP Project Numbers 3314500, 3315500, 3316500, 3317500

**Local Preference Policy:** NA

**Explanation:** NA

**Recommended by Council Committee:** NA

**Explanation:** NA
WHEREAS, in 2008, the City of Cedar Rapids experienced extreme flooding from the Cedar River, and

WHEREAS, following the flooding, the City and the United States Department of the Army – US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) entered into an agreement for USACE to complete a Feasibility Study on the Cedar River, and

WHEREAS, the Feasibility Study recommended a federal interest and project in reducing flood risk on the east side of the Cedar River, and

WHEREAS, the US Congress has approved and funded the project on the east side of the Cedar River entitled Cedar River, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Flood Risk Management Project, and

WHEREAS, for this project the USACE has provided a Project Partnership Agreement, which commits both the City of Cedar Rapids and Department of the Army to fund and complete construction, and

WHEREAS, this Project Partnership Agreement estimates the authorized federal project as $117.48 million, of which the City of Cedar Rapids is responsible for a minimum 35% cost share, and

WHEREAS, there are integral and necessary components to complete the east side Cedar River flood control system project, which are not included in the federal authorization and which the City must fund at 100%, and which the City has accounted for in the financial plan adopted into the Flood Control System Master Plan in September 2018, and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Department recommends the City Council authorize execution of the Project Partnership Agreement with the Department of the Army,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA, that the City Manager or designee is authorized to sign the Project Partnership Agreement with the Department of the Army for the Cedar River, Cedar Rapids, Iowa Flood Risk Management Project in the estimated amount of $117.48 million.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA, that the City of Cedar Rapids commit the required funds to complete the entire east side Cedar River Flood Control System Project as adopted in the Flood Control System Master Plan in order to satisfy the requirement of the Department of the Army to complete flood control along the east side of the Cedar River.
Passed Day:

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MayorSignature

Attest:

ClerkSignature