



MAYOR & COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

DATE: **October 7, 2014**
REGULAR
ITEM # **13**

AGENDA ITEM: 2015 Street, Drainage and Watermain Improvements – Resolution
Receiving Feasibility Report and Calling Hearing on Improvement

SUBMITTED BY: Ryan Stempski, Assistant City Engineer

THROUGH: Dean A. Zuleger, City Administrator

REVIEWED BY: Adam Bell, City Clerk
Cathy Bendel, Finance Director
Jack Griffin, City Engineer

SUGGESTED ORDER OF BUSINESS:

- Introduction of Item City Engineer
- Report/Presentation..... City Engineer
- Questions from Council to Staff Mayor Facilitates
- Public Input, if Appropriate Mayor Facilitates
- Call for Motion Mayor & City Council
- Discussion Mayor & City Council
- Action on Motion..... Mayor Facilitates

POLICY RECOMMENDER: Engineering

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

The Feasibility Report was previously authorized. Calling for and conducting the Public Improvement Hearing is included in the feasibility report scope of services.

SUMMARY AND ACTION REQUESTED:

The City Council is respectfully requested to consider adopting Resolution No. 2014-80 receiving the Feasibility Report and calling for a Public Improvement Hearing for the 2015 Street, Drainage and Watermain Improvements to be held on November 5, 2014. The recommended motion for this action is as follows:

***“Move to adopt Resolution No. 2014-80, receiving the Feasibility Report
and calling Hearing for the 2015 Street, Drainage and Watermain Improvements.”***

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY/BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The 2015 Street Improvements were identified in the City’s 5-Year Street Capital Improvement Program. The City’s water supply system is located within or adjacent to all street improvement areas scheduled in 2015. Therefore, it was prudent to review watermain replacement and extension along with the 2015 street improvements.

The feasibility report was authorized by the city council on July 1, 2014 in order to ready these improvements for 2015 construction. The feasibility report is needed to meet state statutory requirements if any portion of the project is to be assessed to benefitting properties. The report identifies the necessary improvements, the estimated project costs, the assessment methodology and preliminary assessment amounts to be levied against properties adjacent to and benefitting from the street, drainage and watermain improvements.

The improvements consist of the following:

- Reconstruction of the public streets within Bordner’s Gardner Farnettes, Kenridge Addition, and Kelvin Avenue North, including the potential of converting a portion of the private road north of Kelvin Court to a public street.
- The street reconstruction incorporates drainage improvements deemed necessary to protect and adequately drain the new street pavements.
- The improvement includes a second alternative for the streets within the Kenridge Addition that excludes any use of curb and gutter for drainage.
- Additional subwatershed drainage improvements within the Bordner’s Garner Farnettes neighborhood to divert and retain storm water runoff from the neighborhood.
- Extension of 8-inch and 12-inch diameter lateral and trunk watermain with service stubs to existing properties to provide owners with the opportunity to hook up to municipal water.

The total estimated project cost is \$2,899,000. The street and drainage improvement portion is \$1,843,000 and the watermain improvement is \$1,056,000. The improvements would be partially assessed against the benefitting properties consistent with the City’s Special Assessment Policy. Residential street improvements are typically assessed 30% of the total project costs while watermain improvements are assessed 100% to the benefitting properties. The City’s general tax levy typically covers the bond payments for the remaining street improvements and street oversize requirements. The Water Enterprise Fund is used to cover the watermain oversize or trunk costs. A lateral benefit assessment would be levied against properties along the proposed trunk watermain on Kelvin Avenue. Assessments for street and drainage improvements are levied over 10 years while assessments for watermain improvements are levied over 15 years. The feasibility report findings and recommendations will be further presented at the meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff is recommending that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2014-80, receiving the Feasibility Report and calling Hearing for the 2015 Street, Drainage and Watermain Improvements. The recommended motion for this action is as follows:

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ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Resolution 2014-80, Receiving the Feasibility Report for the 2015 Street, Drainage and Watermain Improvements.
2. Notice of Hearing on Improvement.
3. Location Map.
4. Project Schedule.
5. Feasibility Report (*available for review at City Hall*)