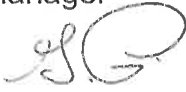


TO: Michael C. Van Milligen, City Manager
FROM: Gus Psihoyos, City Engineer 
SUBJECT: Bee Branch Watershed Flood Mitigation Project, U. S. Environmental Protection Agency Brownfields Cleanup Cooperative Grant Agreement
DATE: October 11, 2016

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this memorandum is to seek authorization to enter into an agreement with the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency in order to utilize the \$200,000 Brownfields Cleanup Grant for the Bee Branch Watershed Flood Mitigation Project.

BACKGROUND

In 2013, the City Council passed Resolution 30-13 approving the acquisition of 501 E. 15th Street for the Bee Branch Watershed Flood Mitigation Project.

Phase I and Phase II Environmental Assessments of the Blum Brownfields site identified lead, arsenic, PAHs, and other contaminants in the soil and determined that the removal of the contaminants, estimated to cost \$277,000, is required to fully utilize the site for its intended purpose.

In December of 2015, the City submitted an application to the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency requesting \$200,000 in Brownfields Cleanup Grant Program assistance to help finance the cleanup of the Blum Brownfields site.

DISCUSSION

On September 20, 2016, the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency awarded \$200,000 to assist the City with the cleanup of the Blum Brownfields site. They also provided a Cooperative Agreement outlining the terms and conditions associated with the City's use of the funding to clean up the Blum Brownfields site.

RECOMMENDATION

I recommend that the City agree to the terms of the attached Cooperative Agreement with the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency in order to secure the use of \$200,000 in Brownfields Cleanup grant funding for the Blum Brownfields Site at 501 E. 15th Street to make full use of the property as necessary for the Bee Branch Watershed Flood Mitigation Project.

BUDGET IMPACT

The FY2017 CIP budget for the Bee Branch Flood Mitigation Maintenance Facility Project (#3402609) includes \$300,000.00 for clearing the site and thus the required \$77,000.00 in matching funds to perform the cleanup activities outlined in the environmental assessments and outlined in the Cooperative Agreement.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN

I respectfully request adoption of the attached resolution approving the terms of the Cooperative Agreement with the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency in order for the City to receive \$200,000 in Brownfields Cleanup Grant funding for the cleanup of the Blum Brownfields site as part of the Bee Branch Watershed Flood Mitigation Project.

Attach.

Prepared by Deron Muehring

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