



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Councilors

FROM: Rich Olson, City Manager
Morgan Jethro, Community Development Manager

DATE: March 16, 2015

REF: Consideration – HOLD a Public Hearing for North Carolina Department of Commerce for Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Infrastructure Grant Application — Herrington Road Sewer Project

BACKGROUND:

During the March 9, 2015 City Council Meeting, Council called for a public hearing to be held on March 23, 2015 to gather public input on past CDBG grants and the current proposed application for Herrington Road Sewer Infrastructure Replacement Project. City Staff intends to apply for \$787,000 in grant assistance for the replacement of the failing Herrington Road sewer to the North Carolina Department of Commerce for Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Infrastructure Grant. Twenty six million dollars is available annually in a competitive grant process for infrastructure needs. No matching funds are required for CDBG grants.

ANALYSIS:

The sewer main on Herrington Road along Charles Creek has been a concern of City staff for quite some time. The goal of applying for this CDBG Infrastructure project is to abandon the sewer crossing at Herrington Road and Charles Creek, and replace 1,765 linear feet of new sewer pipe. The main issue of the sewer line is a back sloping issue, which causes inflow and infiltration to enter the sewer system and requires the City to treat additional stormwater. Low slope in sewer causes the velocity of waste moving through the pipe to be too slow, resulting in solids not being carried downstream and left as deposits in the pipe. At the heart of the problem is the Herrington Road gravity sewer collector

between B Street and Edge Street. At this location the gravity sewer was installed via an in ground crossing of Charles Creek. Visual examination of this area shows significant settling of the surrounding area.

In addition, sewer backup into the homes of some residents in the area has occurred, which is an unpleasant task at best. According to a Preliminary Engineering Report completed by Hyman and Robey, the approximate total cost of the project is \$787,000.00

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING:

By motion, adopt the attached Resolution authorizing City staff to submit a CDBG application for the Herrington Road Sewer Project in the amount of \$787,000.00 as described therein.

RESOLUTION # 2015-03-_____
AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF CDBG APPLICATION TO
North Carolina Department of Environment & Natural Resources
(NCDENR) Division of Water Infrastructure for the
Herrington Road Wastewater Collection Project

WHEREAS, Title I of the Federal Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, has established the U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, and has authorized the making of grants to aid eligible units of government in funding the cost of construction, replacement, or rehabilitation of water and wastewater infrastructure, and that the North Carolina Department of Environment & Natural Resources (NCDENR) Division of Water Infrastructure (DWI) was delegated the authority by the state legislature to administer the water and wastewater infrastructure portion of the state grant monies received from the U.S. HUD CDBG program by Session Law 2013-360, Section 15.15(a) as amended by Section 5.3 of Session Law 2013-363; and

WHEREAS, the City of Elizabeth City has need for and intends to construct a wastewater collection system project described as a sewer collection system to serve the Herrington Road/Massachusetts Avenue neighborhood, which consists of the following streets: A St, B St, Wood St, Goodwin Ave, Witherspoon St, Hemlock St, Spruce St, Magnolia St, Arbutus St, Highland Ave, Rhode Island Ave, New York Ave, New Jersey Ave, Delaware Ave, Maryland Ave, Gosnold Ave, Massachusetts Ave, Price St, Lincoln St, Douglas St, Moore St, Hoffler St, Southern Ave and Herrington Road; and

WHEREAS, the City of Elizabeth City intends to request state grant assistance for the project.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Elizabeth City:

1. That the City of Elizabeth City, herein referred to as the Applicant, will adopt and place into effect on or before completion of the project a schedule of fees and charges and other available funds which will provide adequate funds for proper operation, maintenance, and administration of the system.
2. That the Applicant will provide for efficient operation and maintenance of the project on completion of construction thereof.
3. That Mayor Joseph W. Peel, herein referred to as the Authorized Official and successors so titled, is hereby authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of the Applicant with the State of North Carolina for a grant to aid in the construction of the project described above.

4. That the Authorized Official and successors so titled, is hereby authorized and directed to furnish such information as the appropriate State agency may request in connection with such application or the project; to make the assurances as contained above; and to execute such other documents as may be required in connection with the application.
5. That the Applicant has substantially complied or will substantially comply with all Federal, State, and local laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances applicable to the project and to Federal and State grants and loans pertaining thereto.

Adopted this the 23rd day of March, 2015 at Elizabeth City, North Carolina.

Joseph W. Peel
Mayor

ATTEST:

Vivian D. White, CMC/NCCMC
City Clerk

CERTIFICATION BY RECORDING OFFICER

The undersigned duly qualified and acting City Clerk of the City of Elizabeth City does hereby certify: That the above/attached resolution is a true and correct copy of the resolution authorizing the filing of an application with the State of North Carolina, as regularly adopted at a legally convened meeting of the City Council duly held on the 23rd day of March, 2015; and further, that such resolution has been fully recorded in the journal of proceedings and records in my office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this _____ day of March, 2015.

Vivian D. White, CMC/NCCMC
City Clerk