



Council Communication

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Agenda Item No. 35

Roll Call No. 09-

Communication No. 09-824

Submitted by: William Stowe, Assistant City
Manager/Public Works Director, &
Jeb E. Brewer, P.E., City Engineer

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving Agreement with the U.S. Department of the Interior, Geological Survey for the operation and maintenance of six river and stream gauging stations.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of the Joint Funding Agreement for Water Resources Investigations in the amount of \$87,000 for Federal Fiscal Year 2009/2010 between the U.S. Geological Survey, U.S. Department of the Interior and the City of Des Moines, which provides for operation and maintenance of six river and stream gauging stations, which are located at 63rd Street on Walnut Creek, Easton Boulevard on Four Mile Creek, Fleur Drive on the Raccoon River, 63rd Street on the Raccoon River, 2nd Avenue on the Des Moines River and Van Meter on the Raccoon River.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: The total cost for the period from October 1, 2009, to September 30, 2010, is \$87,000, of which the City of Des Moines is obligated to pay \$63,800 and the U.S. Geological Survey will contribute \$23,200 to cover budgeted costs.

Funding Source: By a separate 28E funding agreement, the City of Des Moines' share of the \$63,800 is \$39,150, the City of West Des Moines will be invoiced \$14,500 and Des Moines Water Works will be invoiced \$10,150. The City of Des Moines' share is provided in the 2009-2010 Operating Budget, page 272, Flood Early Warning System Maintenance Fund, PWK077010.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Annually, the U.S. Geological Survey, U.S. Department of the Interior and the City of Des Moines execute a Joint Funding Agreement for Water Resources Investigations which provides for operation and maintenance of six river and stream gauging stations, which are located at 63rd Street on Walnut Creek, Easton Boulevard on Four Mile Creek, Fleur Drive on the Raccoon River, 63rd Street on the Raccoon River, 2nd Avenue on the Des Moines River and Van Meter on the Raccoon River. The Joint Funding Agreement for Federal Fiscal Year 2009/2010 covers the operations and maintenance for the six gauges at a cost of \$87,000, for which the City of Des Moines is obligated to pay \$63,800, and the U.S. Geological Survey will contribute \$23,200 to cover budgeted costs for the period from October 1, 2009, to September 30, 2010.

Under Roll Call No. 96-2001, dated May 28, 1996, the Des Moines City Council approved a separate 28E funding agreement with the City of West Des Moines and Des Moines Water Works to proportionally share the City of Des Moines cost for certain gauges. Based on this 28E Agreement the City of Des Moines' share of the \$63,800 will be \$39,150; and the City of Des Moines will invoice the City of West Des Moines for \$14,500 and Des Moines Water Works for \$10,150.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: September 22, 2008

Roll Call Number: 08-1643

Action: Agreement with U.S. Department of Interior Geological Survey for operation and maintenance of six (6) river and stream gauging stations. (Council Communication No. 08-571) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: January 7, 2008

Roll Call Number: 08-019

Action: Approving Agreement with U.S. Department of the Interior Geological Survey for the operation and maintenance of six (6) River and Stream Gauging Stations. (Council Communication No. 08-019) Moved by Vlassis to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: November 6, 2006

Roll Call Number: 06-2162

Action: Approving Agreement with the U.S. Department of the Interior, Geological Survey for the operation and maintenance of six (6) river and stream gauging stations in the Des Moines area. (Council Communication No. 06-699) Moved by Vlassis to adopt. Motion Carried 6-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Agreement will be presented annually for Council Approval.

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