

Office of the City Manager

Date: June 22, 2015

Agenda Item No. 33

Roll Call No. 15-1040
Communication No. 15-317

Submitted by: Jonathon Gano, Public

Works Director

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving and authorizing agreement with Des Moines Water Works, Metro Waste Authority (MWA), and Des Moines Metropolitan Wastewater Reclamation Authority (WRA) to terminate Urban Environmental Partnership 28E agreement.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of agreement for termination of 28E agreement for Urban Environmental Partnership by and between the City of Des Moines, Des Moines Water Works, Metro Waste Authority, and the Des Moines Metropolitan WRA.

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The City has utilized the educational programs provided for in the Urban Environmental Partnership to meet public education goals outlined in our Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit issued by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. The educational program included K-12 classroom programs managed and staffed by Des Moines Water Works (DMWW) and MWA. City staff provided input on curriculum and the City also provided a \$6,500 annually to help fund the program. DMWW and MWA have both decided to end their participation in the program and focus on other educational efforts more directly associated with their operations. With termination of this agreement, the City will refocus efforts on other educational programs directed by City staff as well as continue to work with Watershed Management Authorities to meet storm water educational requirements of the MS4 permit.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: November 20, 2000

Roll Call Number: 00-4370

Action: Intergovernmental 28E Agreement with Des Moines Regional Wastewater Reclamation Authority (WRA), the Board of Water Works Trustees of City of Des Moines (DMWW) and the Metro Waste Authority (MWA) for the Urban Environmental Partnership to provide an integrated community education program designed to protect water quality in the urban watershed. (Council Communication No. 00-531) Moved by Coleman to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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