


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

 CITY OF DES MOINES OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER	Number:	24-291	Meeting:	July 15, 2024
	Agenda Item:	9	Roll Call:	24-0934
	Submitted by:	Steven L. Naber, P.E., City Engineer		

AGENDA HEADING:

Approval of Amendment Number Three of the Agreement between the Flood Mitigation Board and the City of Des Moines, Iowa and the Des Moines Metropolitan Wastewater Reclamation Authority (WRA) pursuant to the Iowa Flood Mitigation Program.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of Amendment Number Three of the Agreement between the Flood Mitigation Board and the City of Des Moines, Iowa and the WRA pursuant to the Iowa Flood Mitigation Program.

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- One June 22, 2015, by Roll Call No. 15-1093, the City Council approved the Agreement between the Flood Mitigation Board, the City, and WRA approving the Application of the City and WRA for the Use of Sales Tax Revenues for the State of Iowa Flood Mitigation Program for the Des Moines-WRA Flood Mitigation Project.
- On July 25, 2016, by Roll Call No. 16-1187, the City Council approved Amendment Number One to the Agreement. Amendment Number One transferred \$2,500,000 in Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 and \$1,000,000 in FY2017 in sales tax increment funding to the City of Des Moines and WRA from the City of Coralville. The City of Des Moines and WRA would then transfer the corresponding amount to the City of Coralville in FY2018-FY2020. The total amount (\$111,100,273) of sales tax increment funding for the City of Des Moines and WRA remained unchanged.
- On June 22, 2020, by Roll Call No. 20-0976, the City Council approved Amendment Number Two to the Agreement. This Amendment Number Two increased the City and WRA funding for FY2033 by \$1,130,267.58 and reduced funding for FY2034 and FY2035 by the corresponding total amount. The total amount (\$111,100,273) of sales tax increment funding for the City of Des Moines and WRA remained unchanged. Due to projected tax increment shortfalls for other program member cities (Cedar Rapids, Dubuque, Iowa City, Coralville, and Cedar Falls) a request was made to the City of Des Moines and WRA to adjust funding in future years.

- Since the approval of the agreement between the Flood Mitigation Board, the City, and WRA, the City and WRA have received \$45,495,640 in sales tax increment funding.
- In the original Des Moines-WRA Flood Mitigation Project, construction was divided into four (4) phases, with an overall estimated completion date of December 31, 2024. Phases I and II are complete. As a part of Phase III, Levee Phase A, B, & C projects followed a prescriptive design approach that US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) guidance has utilized for years. USACE is starting to integrate a risk-based design approach process into future designs and design manuals for levee design optimization. The City entered into an agreement with USACE to analyze Levee Phases D through H (Phase IV) utilizing the risk-based design approach; thus, delaying further plan development for these Phases. The risk-based design approach provides a better understanding of flood risk, can reduce construction costs, and still conform to National Flood Insurance Program requirements. The current estimated program completion date is December 31, 2030.
- On June 25, 2024, the Flood Mitigation Board approved the extension request for the City of Des Moines and WRA.
- Amendment Number Three of the Agreement between the Flood Mitigation Board and the City of Des Moines, Iowa and the WRA pursuant to the Iowa Flood Mitigation Program extends the completion date of the Des Moines-WRA Flood Mitigation Project to December 21, 2030.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: June 22, 2020

Roll Call Number: [20-0976](#)

Action: [Approval](#) of Amendment Number Two of the Agreement between the Flood Mitigation Board and the City of Des Moines, Iowa and the WRA and the Fourth Amendment to the 28E agreement by and between the City of Des Moines, Iowa and the WRA for the Joint Application for administration and funding of a Project Plan pursuant to the Iowa Flood Mitigation Program. ([Council Communication No. 20-276](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**

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