



Roll Call Number

19-1576

Agenda Item Number

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Date October 14, 2019

APPROVING INCREASE OF TOTAL PROJECT COSTS FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE DES MOINES AND RACCOON RIVERS PROJECT

WHEREAS, On October 12, 2009, by Roll Call 09-1833, the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, entered into the Project Partnership Agreement with the Department of the Army for the Des Moines and Raccoon Rivers Project, including the Birdland Park Levee, wetland mitigation and downtown closure improvements; and

WHEREAS, on March 22, 2010, by Roll Call 10-463, the City of Des Moines approved the Corps of Engineers request to increase the total project cost to secure American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding for the Birdland Park levee construction; and

WHEREAS, on June 28, 2010, by Roll Call 10-1020, the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, entered into the Project Partnership Agreement with the Department of the Army for the Central Place levee portion of the Des Moines and Raccoon Rivers Project; and

WHEREAS, on March 28, 2011, by Roll Call 11-0553, the City of Des Moines approved the Corps of Engineers request to increase the total project cost to account for actual construction costs and the results of the Des Moines River Flow Frequency Study and authorized \$500,000 to cover costs in excess of the Congressionally authorized limit; and

WHEREAS, on August 11, 2014, by Roll Call 14-1211, City Council approved the increase of total project costs for the design and construction of the Des Moines and Raccoon Rivers Project, which provided funds for the Corps of Engineers to complete the certification of the Birdland and Central Place levees and the design and construction of the Downtown Closures 100-year or 0.01 probability flood protection consistent with the Des Moines River Regulated Flow Frequency Study; and

WHEREAS, on April 25, 2016, by Roll Call 16-656, City Council approved the increase of total project costs for the design and construction of the Des Moines and Raccoon Rivers Project which provided funding for additional work on the remaining six (6) closures; and

WHEREAS, two of the remaining downtown closures, located within railroad rights-of-way, require additional work including shoring installation resulting in increased project costs; and

WHEREAS, additional funding of \$700,000 has been approved by the Corps of Engineers Headquarters on September 9, 2019 to support the Des Moines and Raccoon Rivers project; and

WHEREAS, the Corps of Engineers has requested a payment of \$245,000, based on funds provided to date, credits for costs incurred, and estimated costs to complete the project, including requested betterments.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE, AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA:

1. That the total project costs for the Des Moines and Raccoon Rivers Project be increased consistent with Corps of Engineer and Congressional limits and available federal funding, currently at \$27,447,000.
2. That the City Council hereby authorizes funds required for the design and construction of the downtown closure improvements to complete the remaining two closures, subject to approval of the City Engineer and Finance Director.
3. That the Finance Director is authorized to make payment of \$245,000.00 to fully fund the non-federal share of the Des Moines and Raccoon Rivers Project.

(Council Letter Number 19-440 attached)
Activity ID 14-2010-036

Moved by Gatto to adopt.

FORM APPROVED: Kathleen Vanderpool
Deputy City Attorney

SLN Funding Source: 2019-2020 CIP, Page Storm Water Improvements – 6, Flood Mitigation Improvements, SM087

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE	✓			
BOESEN	✓			
COLEMAN	✓			
GATTO	✓			
GRAY	✓			
MANDELBAUM	✓			
WESTERGAARD	✓			
TOTAL	7			

CERTIFICATE

I, LAURA BAUMGARTNER, Acting City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

J. M. Frankin Cownie Mayor

Laura Baumgartner Acting City Clerk