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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

TO: Jim Scholl, City Manager
E. David Fernandez, Asst. City Manager

FROM: Jay Gewin, Utilities Manager

DATE: July 29, 2010

SUBJECT: Extending the Contract for Charley Toppino and Sons on the White St. Pump Station Project to October 6, 2010 on a No-Cost Basis

ACTION STATEMENT:

This resolution will extend the contract of with Charley Toppino and Sons for the White St. Pump Station project from August 16, 2010 to October 6, 2010. The City will be billed no extra cost for this extension. The substantial completion deadline will now be September 17th.

BACKGROUND:

The City Commission awarded a contract for the White St. Pump Station contract to Charley Toppino and Sons in the amount of \$1,645,000 at its meeting on November 17, 2009. (Resolution 09-296) 65% of the costs of this project is being funded through an Army Corps of Engineers grant.

The White St. Stormwater Pump Station will help reduce flooding in the White Street Drainage basin. The anticipated environmental results include reducing potential health risks to beach bathers by reducing stormwater discharges to nearshore waters which may carry bacterial contamination or other pollutants.

PURPOSE & JUSTIFICATION:

The sole reason for the project delay is the fact that the pumps being constructed by ITT Flygt will not be completed in time to meet the contract deadline.

Key to the Caribbean – Average yearly temperature 77° F.

Projects such as the White St. Pump Station that receive funding through ARRA (stimulus) grants are required to adhere to a “Buy American” clause for materials that are included within construction. The City’s design for the pump utilized a model that could only be constructed by ITT Flygt.

Typically, ITT Flygt constructs their pumps in Sweden. However, in order to comply with the “Buy American” clause, the company is assembling this pump in Michigan on a specialty-made basis, which has resulted in the delay in completion.

The rest of the White St. Pump Station project will achieve completion before the contract deadline. Once the pumps are received, they can be quickly inserted into the structure. The final step would then be the final testing of the Pump Station.

This extension will not inhibit the City’s ability to utilize the full 65% share of Army Corps of Engineers funding of the project.

OPTIONS:

1. Approve the contract extension with Charley Toppino and Sons on the White St. Pump Station project to October 6th, with a substantial completion deadline of September 17th. This will allow the City to complete the project while utilizing the full share of Army Corps of Engineers funding.
2. Do not approve the contract extension. This option is not recommended, because it could result in the City having to endure the time-consuming delays of finding another contractor to finish the work.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There will be no financial impact to this no-cost contract extension. Additionally, this contract extension will not impact our ability to receive the grant funding for the project as per the City’s agreement with the Army Corps of Engineers.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends option # 1, that the City Commission approves an extension to the Charley Toppino and Sons contract for the White St. Pump Station project to October 6th, with a substantial completion deadline of September 17th.