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MEMO

TO:

Mayor Nickels, City Council Members

FROM:

Dan Koski, PE, Director of Public Infrastructure

DATE:

July 14, 2015

RE:

Last Court Drainage Ditch - Proposed 2015 Re-Ditching

(Document No. 15-722)

The City Engineering Department has received requests over the past several years to re-grade the existing Last Court Drainage Ditch that runs from the end of concrete pavement to the former railroad tracks approximately 430 feet to the east. The City had budgeted for and intended to do this project back in 2011 or 2012, but could not come to terms with the previous property owner (Tony Butala) for the necessary temporary construction easements.

Now, the new current property owner, John Thompson has requested us to do the re-grading of the drain ditch and he is willing sign temporary construction easements to allow the work to be completed.

The existing drainage ditch was constructed by the developer's contractor back in 1996. Since then the drainage ditch has silted in with material and it is no longer conveying the stormwater flows from the City's 24 inch storm sewer discharge the way it was intended to do.

This unbudgeted request was discussed at the Public Infrastructure Committee meeting held on July 6th and they voted unanimously to recommend moving forward with the project and having the CAWG and Finance Committee approve the same and to transfer the necessary funds from the 2015 Storm Sewer Budget line to the Last Court re-ditching project.

There is currently a balance of approximately \$60,000 in the 2015 storm sewer capital budget line that has no other specific planned work. We would like to use a portion of these funds, estimated to be \$35,000, for the re-grading of the Last Court Drainage Ditch.

Therefore, I am requesting the necessary Committees (CAWG & Finance) and the Council to approve this project being completed in 2015 and to use the unspent storm sewer capital budget money for the re-grading of the Last Court Drainage Ditch.

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