City of Greensboro



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Agenda Report

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Agenda Date: 12/20/2022. Department: Water Resources Meeting Type: Council Meeting Category: General Business Agenda

Title: 2022 – 1214 Resolution Approving an Additional \$20,000,000 in Reimbursement Funds with the North Carolina Department of Transportation for Utility Construction Services for the Greensboro-Randolph Megasite

Council Priority: Place an 'x' in the box.

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Council District: N/A

Public Hearing: No Advertising Date/By: N/A

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PURPOSE:

The Water Resources Department is requesting approval of an additional allocation of \$20,000,000 to finance the reimbursement agreement with North Carolina Department of Transportation for utility construction services tied to the Greensboro-Randolph Megasite (GRMS). The additional fund allocation will bring the total utility fund allocation to \$40,000,000 with the North Carolina Department of Transportation.

BACKGROUND:

On March 15, 2022, City Council approved the City of Greensboro to partner and work collaboratively with the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) for utility construction services tied to the GRMS project with the approval of a \$20,000,000 utility reimbursement. The project has an aggressive schedule and it is to the benefit of Toyota Battery Manufacturing of North Carolina (TBMNC) for the City of Greensboro and NCDOT to work together for the installation of water and sewer utilities. NCDOT is managing the construction of

the site including grading and the roadway improvements supporting GRMS. The funding covers a portion of the materials, site preparation, and a portion of the utility installation costs.

Water Resources is requesting approval of an additional \$20,000,000 for the reimbursement of continuing utility installation work on the site. Supply chain issues, material and fuel price increases, an aggressive construction schedule, large quantities of rock excavation, and site construction collaboration are contributing factors to the costs the City is responsible for through the utility reimbursement. The City of Greensboro will be responsible for reimbursement of actual quantities and costs once installation is fully complete.

Greensboro routinely executes utility construction reimbursement agreements with NCDOT for roadway improvements projects where utility relocation and betterment work often overlap and has historically collaborated well to the benefit of all stakeholders. Water Resources anticipates one additional funding allocation request will be brought before Council to close out the reimbursement agreement once the construction project is finalized.

The GRMS project is subject to the State's Disadvantage Business Enterprise (DBE) Program. Work is reviewed by the State for availability and opportunities for DBE's. Utility work packages for water and sewer are reviewed through the State's DBE program.

BUDGET IMPACT:

Funding in the amount of \$20,000,000 will come from revenue bond funds.

ACCOUNT NUMBER:

517-7010-05.6016 A22158 \$6,000,000 517-7010-05.6017 A22159 \$14,000,000

RECOMMENDATION / ACTION REQUESTED:

It is recommended that City Council approve an additional \$20,000,000 in reimbursement funds with the North Carolina Department of Transportation for utility construction services tied to the Greensboro-Randolph Megasite. The addition of this allocation brings the total reimbursement for the project to \$40,000,000.