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Date: November 13, 2017

To: Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., Chairman, County Board of Supervisors

From: John Dargle, Jr., CPRP, Director, Milwaukee County Parks

Subject: **Authorization to grant Sanitary Sewer, Storm Sewer, Water Main and Natural Gas Easements to the City of Milwaukee and WE Energies in Pulaski Park – Milwaukee (ACTION)**

POLICY

Authorization to grant sanitary sewer, storm sewer, water main, and natural gas main easements to the City of Milwaukee and WE Energies in Pulaski Park (Milwaukee).

BACKGROUND

The MMSD and its consultants are currently in the process of preparing construction documents to implement a project to both remove the concrete channel from a segment of the Kinnickinnic (KK) River in Pulaski Park as well as restore a more natural riverbed on the adjacent parkland. This project concept came before the PEEC in March of 2017 as File 17-224, and was adopted by the full County Board the same month.

As plans have progressed, certain existing public infrastructure elements have been identified as needing to be relocated to allow for the earthwork involved in the planned project. This utility infrastructure includes sanitary sewer, storm sewer, water main, and a natural gas main that are currently located in Pulaski Park - Milwaukee.

Sanitary Sewer:

MMSD is relocating a 12-inch City of Milwaukee sanitary sewer as part of the river work. MMSD's proposed work on the KK River within Pulaski Park will shift the channel to the north which will conflict with the current sanitary sewer alignment. The sanitary sewer will be relocated to the north and remain on the north side of the KK River channel within Pulaski Park. There is an existing 10-foot wide sanitary sewer easement (see attached image) which will need to be revised to reflect the proposed alignment and increased to a 20-wide easement. The wider sewer easement is consistent with current typical easement widths. MMSD will coordinate directly with the City of Milwaukee.

Storm Sewer:

The MMSD will be relocating two City of Milwaukee storm sewers (24-inch and 21-inch diameter sewers) which currently discharge into the KK River under the existing Cleveland Avenue Bridge within the City right-of-way (ROW) on the west and east side of the river channel. MMSD is relocating the storm sewers approximately 50 feet north of the existing ROW line to connect to the proposed river channel within Pulaski Park. The sewer relocation is necessary to accommodate MMSD's proposed construction of soldier pile walls (i.e. retaining walls) under the Cleveland Avenue Bridge. On behalf of the City, MMSD requests 20-foot wide sewer easements for each of proposed storm sewers within Pulaski Park.

Water Main:

MMSD is relocating a 12-inch diameter City of Milwaukee water main which crosses the KK River north of Cleveland Avenue Bridge to accommodate the construction of the soldier pile walls.

Gas Main:

WE Energies, at the request of MMSD, will be relocating a 24-inch natural gas main that conflicts with the design plans for work at the Cleveland Avenue Bridge. Infrastructure is proposed to be relocated in accordance with the prepared plans and draft easement layout.

The work to relocate these infrastructure elements will be completed by MMSD contractors during the larger concrete channel and riparian enhancement project, planned to begin in mid-2018.

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize Parks to execute the necessary sanitary sewer, storm sewer, water main, and natural gas main easements to the City of Milwaukee and WE Energies for public utility purposes.

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Approved by:


John Dargle, Jr., CPRP, Director

Attachments:

Attachment 1 – Fiscal note

Attachment 2 – Resolution

Attachment 3 – Exhibit: sanitary sewer, storm sewer, water main, and gas main

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