

April 20, 2015

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT

Ordinance No. 6225 authorizing execution of a Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 Water Quality Grant Funding Agreement (and any subsequent grant-related documents) with the Washington State Department of Ecology to accept state grant funds of up to \$861,609 to design and construct the Bellevue Downtown Park Regional Water Quality Facilities Project which includes a low impact development component; amending the 2015-2021 Utility Capital Investment Program (CIP) to increase the budget of the Minor (Small) Capital Improvement Project (CIP Plan No. D-59) by \$861,609; amending the 2015-2016 Utility CIP Budget by \$861,609 to provide spending authority in the current biennium; appropriating unanticipated and future revenues to that fund; and, authorizing the expenditure of said grant funds.

FISCAL IMPACT

Approval of this Ordinance authorizes the City to accept a 2016 Water Quality Grant from the Washington State Department of Ecology to fund the Bellevue Downtown Park Regional Water Quality Facilities Project. This grant requires a 25% City match.

The total cost for final design and construction of the Bellevue Downtown Park Regional Water Quality Facilities Project is \$1,148,812. The 2016 Water Quality Grant will provide up to \$861,609 or 75% of the funding for this project. The remaining \$287,203 in project costs, representing the City's 25% match, will be shared by the Utilities and Parks Departments. This match will be funded by existing resources in the Utilities and Parks Departments as follows: the Utilities Department will fund \$220,932 out of CIP Plan No. D-59 – Minor (Small) Capital Improvement Projects, and the Parks and Community Services Department will fund \$66,271 from CIP Plan No. P-AD-87 – Downtown Park Development. These projects have sufficient funds budgeted in the 2015-2021 CIP Plan to cover these costs.

Approval of this Ordinance authorizes execution of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 Water Quality Grant Funding Agreement with the Washington State Department of Ecology to accept state grant funds of up to \$861,609 for the design and construction of the Bellevue Downtown Park Regional Water Quality Facilities Project. Grant expenses will become eligible for reimbursement on the date of publication of the Ecology Combined Water Funding final offer list which is typically published at the start of the state fiscal year (July 1, 2015). Funds must be obligated and spent within 3 years from the effective date of the grant.

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POLICY CONSIDERATION

Should the City execute a Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 Water Quality Grant Funding Agreement (and any subsequent grant-related documents) with the Washington State Department of Ecology to accept state funds for the final design and construction of the Bellevue Downtown Park Regional Water Quality Facilities Project? The grant funds will allow the City to complete the design of and construct stormwater water quality treatment retrofit facilities for a portion of the Meydenbauer Basin as part of the Downtown Park Complete the Circle project.

Utilities Department policies:

- The Utility shall identify drainage capital projects that protect or improve water quality, and maintain or improve the reliability and integrity of the drainage system.
- Utilize best management practices and technology in City projects to demonstrate effective environmental stewardship and long-term fiscal responsibility.
- Maintain surface water quality, defined as meeting federal and state standards and restoring surface water that has become degraded, to the maximum extent practicable.

Utilities Department practice:

- It is the Utilities' practice to fund capital improvements to the City's drainage system which correct minor deficiencies, improve efficiencies, or solve maintenance issues. CIP Plan No. D-59 has been designated to do this.

BACKGROUND

In 2013, City Council authorized execution of a Fiscal Year (FY) 2013-2015 Biennial Municipal Stormwater Capacity Grant Funding Agreement with the Washington State Department of Ecology to accept \$170,000 in grant funds (Ordinance No. 6136). Of the \$170,000 grant funds:

- \$50,000 was to support implementation of the citywide National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Phase II Municipal Stormwater Permit; and
- \$120,000 was for planning and designing a stormwater water quality retrofit project in a highly urbanized drainage basin which incorporates low impact development techniques and ultra-urban structural best management practices (BMPs).

The \$120,000 project grant was used to develop 90% design plans for the Bellevue Downtown Park Regional Water Quality Facilities Project. The project is a stormwater retrofit project with a low impact development component located in the Meydenbauer Creek Basin. It will provide water quality treatment for runoff from over 15 acres of ultra-urban basin development that discharges to Lake Washington's Meydenbauer Bay. The retrofit components (Attachment A) include capture and treatment of runoff from: (1) 100th Avenue NE and NE 1st Street basins that consist of over 13 acres of an existing, untreated roadway, and residential/multi-family/commercial area; and (2) Parking Lot basin within the Park boundaries that consists of over 2 acres of a relocated, existing, untreated parking lot with a bioretention facility. The ultra-urban BMPs are canister filtration treatment systems containing media that provide basic treatment for total suspended solids. Oil/Water separators will be installed upstream of the canister facilities to pretreat for sediments and oil/greases.

The new grant funds, with the City's match, will leverage the previous grant and the already planned 2015 construction of the Downtown Park Complete the Circle project to include construction of these stormwater retrofit components. This project will improve water quality in Lake Washington's Meydenbauer Bay. The lake supports chinook, coho, cutthroat trout, rainbow trout and sockeye.

With Council's approval, the City would enter into a grant agreement with Ecology. Grant expenses will become eligible for reimbursement on the date of publication of the Ecology Combined Water Funding final offer list which is typically published at the start of the state fiscal year (July 1, 2015). Grant funds are required to be expended within 3 years from the effective date of the grant.

EFFECTIVE DATE

If approved, this Ordinance becomes effective on April 28, 2015.

OPTIONS

1. Adopt the Ordinance authorizing execution of a Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 Water Quality Grant Funding Agreement (and any subsequent grant-related documents) with the Washington State Department of Ecology to accept state grant funds of up to \$861,609 to design and construct the Bellevue Downtown Park Regional Water Quality Facilities Project which includes a low impact development component; amending the 2015-2021 Utility Capital Investment Program (CIP) to increase the budget of the Minor (Small) Capital Improvement Project (CIP Plan No. D-59) by \$861,609; amending the 2015-2016 Utility CIP Budget by \$861,609 to provide spending authority in the current biennium; appropriating unanticipated and future revenues to that fund; and, authorizing the expenditure of said grant funds.
2. Do not adopt the Ordinance and provide alternative direction to staff. By not adopting the Ordinance to execute the grant agreement, the City will not be eligible to access these Department of Ecology funds.

RECOMMENDATION

Option 1.

MOTION

Move to adopt Ordinance No. 6225 authorizing execution of a Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 Water Quality Grant Funding Agreement (and any subsequent grant-related documents) with the Washington State Department of Ecology to accept state grant funds of up to \$861,609 to design and construct the Bellevue Downtown Park Regional Water Quality Facilities Project which includes a low impact development component; amending the 2015-2021 Utility Capital Investment Program (CIP) to increase the budget of the Minor (Small) Capital Improvement Project (CIP Plan No. D-59) by \$861,609; amending the 2015-2016 Utility CIP Budget by \$861,609 to provide spending authority in the current biennium; appropriating unanticipated and future revenues to that fund; and authorizing the expenditure of said grant funds.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Project Map
- B. Proposed Ordinance No. 6225

AVAILABLE IN COUNCIL DOCUMENT LIBRARY

Fiscal Year (FY) 2013-2015 Biennial Municipal Stormwater Capacity Grant Funding Agreement