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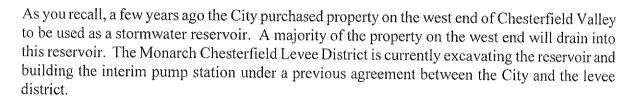
Planning & Public Works Committee

FROM:

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SUBJECT: West End Stormwater Reservoir - Enbridge Oil Pipeline

Relocation



As was discussed at the time of the purchase of this property, in order to construct the drainage system in the vicinity of the reservoir, it will be necessary to relocate a portion of an existing oil pipeline owned by the Enbridge Energy Company. Unfortunately, there is no way to avoid crossing the pipeline. We have investigated several alternatives, and the best, most cost effective solution is to lower the line approximately 16 feet so that the pipeline will be underneath the ditch system that feeds into the reservoir.

Enbridge has agreed to hire a contractor to perform this work, with the City reimbursing Enbridge for the total cost. At this time, we do not have an estimated cost, but would expect it to be in the \$1 million range. This project will be funded through the TIF Special Projects Fund.

We expect a final cost and the necessary agreement, which is being reviewed by City Attorney Heggie, to be ready for the January 5, 2009 City Council meeting. It is crucial for this project to be under construction in January in order to take advantage of the low river/groundwater conditions. If pushed back to the spring of the year, the cost could easily double due to dewatering the site.

Therefore, we request the Committee forward this matter to City Council for their consideration.

If you need additional information or have any questions please advise.

attachments

Mike Geisel, Director of Planning & Public Works cc:

