

Staff Responses to Council Questions
June 19, 2012

6. Consent Agenda K: Resolution: Authorize Submittal of Grant Application to the US Department of Homeland Security for the 2012 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program

Other than a 10% match, are there any other strings attached to this grant?

There are no additional funding requirements. The grant program also requires grantees to be in compliance with national requirements for fire incident reporting and the National Incident Management System (NIMS). The Village already complies with these requirements.

6. Consent Agenda L-N: Authorize a First Amendment and Restatement to License Agreement

How do these agreements measure with similar arrangements on other towers – in fees and length of term.

These amendments contain virtually identical terms and conditions as the other cell tower agreements on the other towers.

7. Active Agenda A. Motion: Approve 2013-2015 Long Range Financial Plan

Why does the Council have to vote on a motion to accept the LRFPP?

There are no legal requirements to approve the LRFPP. There have been previous instances when the Council approved the LRFPP and other years when the Council did not. However, at the May 8 Council LRFPP workshop, the Council directed staff to bring the LRFPP forward for approval.

What does it mean to approve the Plan.? What if Council does not approve this motion?

Similar to the Comprehensive Plan or any other plan, the LRFPP provides direction for staff work. Approval of the particular plan gives staff guidelines for creating the annual operating budget and Community Investment Plan.

Does a vote for the Plan indicate approval of various components of the Plan? Be specific as to why or why not.

Approval of the LRFPP provides direction for staff for the preparation of annual budgets according to the Strategies and Next Steps listed in the LRFPP. The approval of the LRFPP does not approve any particular action. The Council reviews and approves specific actions contained in the LRFPP when the Council votes to approve annual budgets, bond issuances and similar items.

8. First Reading A. Motion: Award a Contract for \$538,740.50 to ENCAP, Inc., Sycamore, IL for Naturalization of Valley View Pond

What are the legal requirements of the Village's takeover of this pond and its maintenance?

The Village took title to this property in 1988. The only legal requirement is that this land must be used for stormwater detention for the subdivision. There are no requirements to maintain this property as a pond or wet-bottom basin.

Once the Village presents its plan and there are future neighborhood meetings, how much flexibility is there in the final design?

The design elements that could incorporate neighborhood feedback are the type of plantings, and the location of the open water pockets. Should the design-build contract be awarded, these design options will be discussed at the next neighborhood meeting.

Have the residents been given an option for an SSA or has this been explained to them?

At the neighborhood meeting, staff explained that an SSA could possibly be created to fund the maintenance of the pond, if there was enough support from the adjacent residents.

What is the amount of the contract? On page 55 of the pdf document it states that the amount is \$448,910 while the staff report states that the amount of the contract before adding a contingency is \$522,610.

Staff is recommending a contract amount of \$548,740.50. This includes the Contractor's base bid plus alternate items, both shown on page 55 of the pdf document (\$448,910 + \$73,700) and a 5% contingency amount of \$26,130.50, which would be pre-authorized by staff only in the event that unforeseen revisions or change orders are required during design and/or construction. The alternate bid items include design and construction elements that may be required by permitting agencies.

Is there a creek that runs through the site? If so, does the creek always carry water or does it carry water only after rain events?

Prentiss Creek runs through this site but is primarily carried underground in storm sewer pipes. The creek at this location does not have sufficient drainage area to produce flow year round and will likely experience dry periods when precipitation is low.

The proposal states that a pipe will be lowered. To what level? Why? How will the lowering of the pipe affect water levels and the flow of water through the creek?

The lowering of the pipe is primarily for two reasons. First, when a pond is dug on a stream such as this, it creates a large flat spot along the creek system, which slows water down and allows sediment to drop out. This is in contrast to natural creek systems that carry sediment using energy that is created by the drop in elevation from one end of the stream to the other. Lowering the pipe outlet from the pond will partially reestablish the differential and allow sediment to be transported through the system. The lowering of the pipe also makes the project more cost-effective, by reducing the amount of earth moving that needs to occur. After the pipe is lowered, a creek channel will once again be re-established, and it will no longer function as a year-round wet pond, but will likely experience periods where the creek bed is dry.

The proposal indicates that sub-contractors will be used. What is ENCAP's role in the project? What are the sub-contractors' roles?

ENCAP is the lead consultant/contractor, and will manage the project similar to a general contractor. They will also provide the native landscaping and restoration, as well as the maintenance and monitoring. Living Waters is the main design sub-consultant, and will provide design and permitting assistance. Earthwerks is the excavation sub-contractor, and will provide aquatic excavation and grading.

What kind of guarantee will be posted to make sure that the three year maintenance period and monitoring is successfully completed?

A performance and payment bond will be obtained from Encap.

What kind of maintenance activities and costs are expected once the project is completed?

These activities can vary based on site conditions, but typically they will include selective herbiciding, periodic mowing, and overseeding. It is not likely that prescribed burning would be used in this residential setting, but it could be one additional option. Maintenance will likely be in the \$5,000 to \$10,000 range per year.