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MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 8, 2017

TO: Dan Duchniak

FROM: Kelly Zylstra

RE: Street Opening Fees for 2017 Exceed Current Blanket PO

The approved 2017 budget contains \$125,000 for street openings fees to the City.

The October invoice which runs through mid-September is for \$13,341.97, and the next invoice which runs through mid-October will be for \$25,081.02, therefore, the street opening PO will be overspent by \$36,880.48. Given the good weather and the lateral replacements we have been able to continue to perform, I expect a similar billing level for December. As an additional point of reference, for November through December of 2016 we paid the City \$56,892.34 for street openings/permit fees.

Therefore, I am requesting that the Commission approve an additional PO of up to \$61,880.48 for street opening fees through the end of 2017 (\$36,880.48 + \$25,000).

The overage does not come as a surprise to me as the City is requiring payment for larger and larger repairs to the streets. We measure the repair and submit it with our permit, but almost every permit comes back from the City with a larger repair size than we have listed. In addition lately, if there is anything even slightly imperfect to the sidewalk they expect full payment. We have started taking pre-construction photos of the sidewalks in case there is a dispute later, though honestly, the time and effort needed to argue with the City over the sidewalk turns out to have a higher "labor value" than the payment. Despite this, we continue to try.

Due to our continued goal of gooseneck removal we have budgeted \$150,000 for 2018, which still may not be enough but would hopefully get us closer to the correct amount.

Recommended Motion: Move to approve the additional \$61,880.48 for street opening fees paid to the City of Waukesha for the remainder of 2017.