

RESOLUTION NO. 117-2020 (MS)

By Council Member Dunbar

A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Black and Veatch for professional consulting services in connection with the City's Sanitary Sewer Overflow Control Project and Sewer System Evaluation Survey; and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, the City is working to implement a partial consent decree with the U.S. and Ohio Environmental Protection Agencies with regard to the City's Sanitary Sewer Overflow Control project, which work has included new information management systems, implementation of a Capacity, Monitoring, Operations and Maintenance Plan, and a detailed Sewer System Evaluation Survey (SSES), conducted in two phases; and

WHEREAS, the implementation work also calls for development of an Integrated Overflow Control Master Plan (IOCMP), pursuant to the second phase of the SSES, to be complete by June 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the City has identified a need for a financial consultant to conduct a financial capability assessment, to assess the costs of all Clean Water Act obligations, and to develop a financial plan that can sustain the necessary infrastructure improvements based upon the City's priorities, taking into account the City's unique conditions and challenges, and protect City ratepayers from rate shock and undue financial burden; and

WHEREAS, Black and Veatch provided a proposal in response to a request for proposals issued by the City with regard to the above-described financial consulting services; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Works and the City Manager have recommended that the proposal of Black and Veatch be accepted, and a contract executed pursuant thereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. The City Manager shall be and is hereby authorized to execute any and all agreements or related documents with Black and Veatch in an amount not to exceed Eighty Five Thousand Dollars (\$85,000.00) absent further written authorization from the City, for the purpose of conducting a financial capability assessment and developing a financial plan for necessary infrastructure improvements, along with any related services, all as described in the proposal of Black and Veatch, and substantially in accordance with the form of agreement, on file with the Director of Public Works.

SECTION 2. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

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SECTION 3. Notice of the passage of this Resolution shall be given by publishing the title and abstract of its contents, prepared by the Director of Law, once in one newspaper of general circulation in the City of Cleveland Heights.

SECTION 4. This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the inhabitants of the City of Cleveland Heights, such emergency being the need to timely meet partial EPA consent decree requirements. Wherefore, provided it receives the affirmative vote of five (5) or more of the members elected or appointed to this Council, this Resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest time allowed by law.

JASON S. STEIN, Mayor
President of Council

AMY HIMMELEIN
Clerk of Council

PASSED: October 19, 2020