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Planning Department Memorandum

To: Green City Council

From: Sarah Haring, Community Development Administrator

Date: May 23, 2022

Re: 2022-R31 – Willadale Trail Project/Richard Brandenburg Questions

Background: 2022-R31 is legislation asking for City Council approval of Grant Agreement SUMM-023C awarding the City of Green \$55,000 less a \$1,100 ODNR administration fee for the Willadale Trail project. Funding for SUMM-023C comes through the 2020 Ohio Capital Improvement Budget, Senate Bill No. 310 as recommended by the Office of Senator Vernon Sykes and administered by ODNR.

The following are questions submitted by Richard Brandenburg relative to 2022-R31. Answers are in bold italics.

1. The project description exhibit may have included the total cost of the project. Please indicate the total project cost for the “Phase 1” – both city and state portions. Based on the last grant application for this project, I assumed that there was only a single phase to the ~\$900,000 willadale trail project.

The total cost for Phase I was estimated at \$224,252.00. This funding award comes from the 2020 State Capital Budget as recommended by the Office of Vernon Sykes, Senate District 28. As such, there is no local/state match requirement. “Phase I” developed through the suggestion of Teresa Goodridge, the Program Manager for State Capital Improvement Projects. The thought was that breaking the project into phases would allow the city to realize a smaller portion of the project and meet an earlier deadline.

2. Please explain the interaction of this grant and application with the recently applied for (2022-R16). I.e. does the city’s portion of phase 1 count towards the 25% that will be owed by the city if the Clean Ohio Trails grant is received.

No. There is no interaction between these funding sources save the common project purpose.

3. In item 3, above, the project note, the agreement indicates that the project is to be completed “on or before June 30th, 2022.” Is this a reasonable timeframe assuming Council approves on June 14th? There are only 16 days for this “phase 1.”



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We have been assured that once the grant agreement is approved, we will be granted an extension. This is a common experience statewide with long delays originating at the state level. It might help to see the timeline for the funding request thus far:

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| • Capital Request submitted to Senator Sykes Office: | January 17, 2020 |
| • City notified of Capital Request approved for \$55,000 | November 9, 2021 |
| • Required Project Information Packet submitted to ODNR: | March 14, 2022 |
| • Grant Agreement Submitted to City of Green for signatures: | March 16, 2022 |

Additionally, we may be able to use the entirety of this funding to reimburse for design & engineering expenses already incurred. If that is the case, we will be able to meet the June 30 deadline.

4. Please include a detailed description of phase 1 and what the city is agreeing with ODNR that ODNR will take an interest in as described in Section 9 of the ODNR agreement. Please include drawings, plans or other descriptions with your response.

We described Phase I to include final design and engineering services, site preparation and grading, tree removal, existing tree pruning and purchase of materials for completed trail inclusive of benches, trash/recycling receptacles, bollards, and timber framing. My interpretation of Section 9 is that ODNR takes an interest in the project only should the Grantee (city) default.