

TO:	Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM:	Jacob Speer, Director of Public Works
SUBJECT:	Consider Approval of a Resolution Authorizing Reimbursement to the Town of Highland Park for Engineering Services Associated with the Shared Sanitary Sewer Trunk Main.

BACKGROUND:

In 2009, an interlocal agreement between the City of University Park and the Town of Highland Park was made regarding the use, operation, maintenance, and obligations related to the 30-inch Turtle Creek Sanitary Sewer Main used by both communities. Under the terms of that agreement, the Town and the City will share equally in the cost of operation, maintenance, and capital improvements for the shared main. A recent demonstration of sanitary sewer pipe evaluation equipment on a segment of the shared main revealed that areas of the pipe are significantly deteriorated. Given these findings, staff feels it is prudent to assess the condition of the remainder of the shared main in order to make sound decisions regarding the future maintenance and capital needs of this critical piece of infrastructure.

The Town solicited a proposal from Freese and Nichols, Inc. for field inspection and condition assessment services on the shared main. The total cost of the proposal is \$153,000. City staff has reviewed the proposed scope of work and cost proposal and finds it to be acceptable. Under the terms of the interlocal agreement, the City is responsible for 50% (\$76,500) of the cost of these engineering services.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the proposed resolution authorizing appropriation of the City's share of the cost of a field inspection and condition evaluation of the Shared Turtle Creek Sanitary Sewer Main in accordance with the interlocal agreement related to that main.

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