



Item Number: 3

CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS AGENDA ACTION REQUEST

DATE: February 25, 2025

TO: Mark Washington, City Manager

COMMITTEE: Fiscal Committee

LIAISON: Molly Clarin, Chief Financial Officer

FROM: Daniel Taber, Stormwater Manager
Environmental Services

SUBJECT: **Resolution Authorizing increase of \$34,302.98 to Kent County Drain Commissioner for FY2025 Maintenance Assessments for Knapp's Corner Drain for a Total Not to Exceed \$434,302.98**

The attached resolution authorizes additional payment to the Kent County Drain Commissioner (KCDC or Drain Commissioner) for maintenance costs on the Knapp's Corner Drain. The Knapp's Corner Drain District – comprising of the City of Grand Rapids, Grand Rapids Township, the Kent County Road Commission (KCRC), and the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), (collectively, the Participating Municipalities) – has been working with the KCDC and the property owners that comprise the District to resolve drainage issues in the vicinity of the East Beltline and Knapp Street (Knapp's Corner). The City Commission previously authorized FY25 spending of up to \$400,000 for the Knapp's Corner Drain pumping based on estimated trucking and hauling costs. Due to the nature of the work, pumping and hauling occurs as needed, and changes based on precipitation and weather conditions. We are seeking additional funding authorization of \$34,302.98 to ensure payment to the Drain commissioner for work that has occurred that is critical to protect property and the welfare of the community. Based on end of year review, it is planned that sufficient budget capacity remains that can be made to prevent the need for a budget amendment to cover this payment.

The KCDC and City staff are actively collaborating and finalizing engineering drawings for the Knapp's Corner Pond to drain to the east, with an ultimate discharge to an existing county drain, that ultimately flows to the Grand River. Meanwhile, as progress is being made on a regional solution with project partners, the only way to prevent flooding is to pump the excess pond water into a truck and transport it to a nearby discharge point along the Grand River. This process is presently conducted by the Drain Commissioner under a permit from the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE). The Participating Municipalities are pursuing a long-term solution to the pond capacity restraint that will improve water quality, provide an outlet, and improve conditions in the existing regional stormwater system. Knapp's Corner was

established as a Chapter 20 drain under the State Drain Code. Maintenance costs for drains established under Chapter 20 are authorized by the Code.


Your FISCAL COMMITTEE recommends the adoption of the following resolution authorizing increase of \$34,302.98 to Kent County Drain Commissioner for FY2025 Maintenance Assessments for Knapp's Corner Drain for a total not to exceed \$434,302.98.

WHEREAS:

1. The Office of the Kent County Drain Commissioner has advised the City of Grand Rapids that, pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Michigan Drain Code, maintenance was needed at the Knapp's Corner drain; and
2. The invoices from the Office of the Kent County Drain Commissioner for fiscal year 2025 were over the initial authorization of \$400,000 for the above maintenance; therefore

RESOLVED:

1. That additional expenditures for the City's share of costs for the Project be authorized in an amount not-to-exceed \$34,302.98; and
2. Payments of invoices associated with this project shall be charged to Code No. 1010-533-3000-8010.

CORRECT IN FORM

DEPARTMENT OF LAW