



Item Number: 6

CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS AGENDA ACTION REQUEST

DATE: August 13, 2024

TO: Mark Washington, City Manager

COMMITTEE: Fiscal Committee

LIAISON: Molly Clarin, Chief Financial Officer

FROM: Daniel Taber, Stormwater Manager
Environmental Services

SUBJECT: **Resolution Authorizing Payments to the Kent County Drain Commissioner for FY 2025 Maintenance Assessments for Knapp's Corner Drain not to exceed \$400,000.00.**

The attached resolution authorizes an annual not to exceed payment to the Kent County Drain Commissioner (KCDC or Drain Commissioner) for maintenance costs associated with 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).

Recently, the City Commission also approved a resolution authorizing the filing of an amended petition with the Kent County Drain Commissioner (KCDC) to make improvements to extend the Knapp's Corner Drain and for the approval of a cost sharing agreement with the City's share of the project costs not to exceed \$10,000,000.00 (Proceeding #93520, May 7, 2024). These were necessary steps to facilitate a permanent solution to eliminate the need for these pumping and trucking operations and associated expenses. 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. This proposed solution has been presented to the public and approved by the County Drain Board at publicly noticed meetings held on June 20, 2024 and July 25, 2024 respectively.

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 Payment to the Kent County Drain Commissioner for FY 2025 Maintenance
Assessments for Knapp's Corner Drain not to exceed \$400,000.00.

WHEREAS:

1. The Office of the Kent County Drain Commissioner has advised the City of Grand Rapids, pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Michigan Drain Code, maintenance is needed at the Knapp's Corner drain: therefore

RESOLVED:

1. That expenditures for the City's share of the cost for the maintenance be authorized in an annual not to exceed amount of \$400,000; and
2. That the Comptroller is authorized and directed to make payments to the Drain Commissioner for the project in FY2025 from the account 1010-533-3000-8010.

CORRECT IN FORM

DEPARTMENT OF LAW