

Mayor and Council Communication

DATE: 10/20/20

M&C FILE NUMBER: M&C 20-0749

LOG NAME: 20APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FWWRR CROSSING MAINTENANCE

SUBJECT

(CD 2 and CD 9) Authorize Continued Funding Temporary Railroad Crossing Maintenance for the North Henderson Street and North Commerce Street Fort Worth and Western Railroad Crossings as Authorized Under City Secretary Contract No. 49230-A1 and Adopt Appropriation Ordinance

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the TRVA FWWRR Crossing Maintenance Project (City Project No. 103002) in the amount of \$28,000.00 from the Street Improvements Fund to continue funding temporary railroad crossing maintenance for the North Henderson Street and North Commerce Street Fort Worth and Western Railroad crossings as authorized under (City Secretary Contract No. 49230-A1), reducing the balance in the Unspecified Project (City Project No. UNSPEC) by the same amount.

DISCUSSION:

On October 4, 2013, the City entered into a compromise settlement agreement for Trinity River Vision (TRV) bridges (City Secretary Contract No. 44950) with the Fort Worth and Western Railroad Company (FWWRR) whereby the City agreed to maintain the temporary crossings at North Henderson Street and North Commerce Street. The temporary at-grade crossings are required for construction of the North Henderson Street and North Main Street bridges in conjunction with the Trinity River Vision Central City project.

Under the terms of the settlement agreement, the City agreed to pay for monthly maintenance/inspections until the temporary at-grade crossings are no longer required for the TRV bridges. Riotech, formerly known as CTC Inc., was engaged to provide the required maintenance and inspection of the North Henderson Street and North Commerce Street crossings and crossing warning systems (City Secretary Contract No. 44661). The maintenance contract was renewed by the City on June 26, 2017, (City Secretary Contract No. 49230).

On September 18, 2018, the City executed Amendment No.1 (City Secretary No. 49230-A1) to the referenced maintenance contract with the intent that the amendment would remain in full force and renew annually for as long as necessary, but shall terminate when the City ceases using the temporary crossings for regular vehicular traffic.

It has been determined that the temporary at-grade railroad crossings will need to remain in operation for construction of the bridges until December 2021 (approximately 14 months). Riotech's monthly charges for maintenance/inspection services are \$2,000.00/month.

The requested \$28,000.00 amount is considered a TRV-Central City project related expenditure.

A Form 1295 is not required because: This M&C does not request approval of a contract with a business entity.

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies upon approval of the above recommendation and adoption of the attached appropriation ordinance, funds will be available in the Street Improvements Fund for the TRVA FWWRR Crossing Maintenance project. Prior to an expenditure being incurred, the Transportation & Public Works Department has the responsibility of verifying the availability of funds.

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