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Jonesville

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
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**CITY OF JONESVILLE
COUNCIL AND DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
JOINT SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
APRIL 10, 2019 - 5:30 P.M.
CITY HALL**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / A MOMENT OF SILENCE**
- 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS / AUDIENCE PRESENTATIONS**
Citizens wanting to address the Council and/or DDA can do so at this time. Persons addressing the Boards are requested to give their name and address for the record when called on by the Mayor.
- 4. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**
 - A. Michigan Department of Transportation Traffic Signal Modernization Project **[Action Item]**
- 5. OTHER BUSINESS**
- 6. ADJOURNMENT**



To: Jonesville City Council
Jonesville DDA Board

From: Jeffrey M. Gray, City Manager 

Date: April 5, 2019

Re: Manager Report and Recommendations – April 10, 2019 Special Joint Meeting

4. A. Michigan Department of Transportation Traffic Signal Modernization Project [Action Item]

In September of 2017, the DDA authorized an expenditure of up to \$80,000 for enhancements to the MDOT traffic signal modernization project. A copy of meeting minutes is attached for reference. The enhancements affect the following intersections, as follows:

Intersection

Chicago St. and Evans/Maumee St.
Chicago St. and West/Water St.
Chicago St. and Olds/Walnut St.

Enhancement

Mast Arms painted to match street lights
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Box Span (wires) with poles painted to match street lights
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Olds St. and Lake Wilson Rd./Walmart Entrance

In addition, the DDA authorized expenditures for high visibility street signs

MDOT has solicited bids for the project. As indicated in the attachment, two contractors submitted bids. The low bid for the project enhancements came in above estimates at just over \$107,000.

The primary increase over the construction estimate appears to be related to the cost of the mast arms. Earlier estimated at about \$8,000 each, the bids came in at about \$12,000 each. Staff has requested clarification from MDOT regarding the increased cost of this particular item, but has not received clarification as of the writing of this report. Also, MDOT is providing enhanced visibility signs with the project, but is not charging the DDA for the cost, as had originally been planned.

Staff has recently met with the DDA budget committee and with the Mayor Pro-Tem to discuss options for addressing the increased project cost. The difference between the DDA authorization and the bid price (including 1% in construction administration expense) is \$27,573. It is recommended that the additional cost be split between the General Fund Fund Balance and the DDA Fund Balance. The projected fund balance, following the current fiscal year expenditures is attached for reference.

Staff would note that the fund balance sheet includes a \$12,000 expenditure by the DDA for environmental study of the Klein Tool Building. Staff was able to secure a grant from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) for 100% of study costs.

Obviously, the MDOT process of modernizing signals has been frustrating, if not objectionable. DDA requests for modifications to the project and process have been rejected. The development of project specifications and solicitation of bids follows a very different procedure that we utilize at the City, and we have been left with few options. It has already been determined that the enhancements are desirable. The following actions are recommended for consideration by the boards. A motion and vote from each board is necessary to authorize the expenditures.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

The City Council authorize an expenditure of \$13,786.50 from the General Fund Fund Balance for enhancements to the MDOT Traffic Signal Modernization Project.

The DDA authorize an additional expenditure of \$13,786.50 from DDA Fund Balance for enhancements to the MDOT Traffic Signal Modernization Project.

Staff has a copy of the 25-page bid tab for the MDOT project. Due to file size, it has not been included with the packet, but can be provided upon request. *Please refer to the attached excerpt of minutes of the September 26, 2017 DDA meeting, summary of bids, and fund balance sheet.*