

SUBJECT: New Full Time Regular City Engineer

REQUESTED BY: Public Works

PREPARED BY: Public Works

DATE: August 16, 2000

FOR AGENDA OF: September 11, 2000

SUMMARY:

The anticipated growth of capital project grants from State and Federal sources will put pressure on Public Works to quickly process these grant projects. Over the next few months, several million dollars of grant requests will be received for water, sewer and storm water projects. There already are over two million dollars in grants already approved for storm drain treatment, sewer plant upgrades, water transmission mains, engineering studies and remaining road bond funds.

Because the Public Works Director is not a civil engineer, a qualified engineer is needed to review and approve project plans submitted by engineering firms. The current situation in which this service is contracted will not be practical once the incumbent leaves. Contracting this service to an engineering firm would result in higher costs and firms may be reluctant to do this because they would be excluded from proposing on any construction projects.

The only practical solution is to fund a regular full time civil engineer. This position would charge the majority of work to capital projects with a small portion to the general fund for engineering support to the operational divisions such as sewer, water and roads.

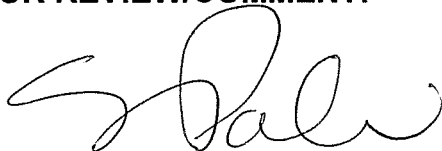
FISCAL IMPACT __No Yes, amount requested: \$73,468, salary and benefits

Fund: City Contract Engineer line items

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Administration recommends that Council approve moving from our existing contract Engineer to a regular, full-time City Engineer position to process capital projects and provide support to other Public Works functions.

MAYOR REVIEW/COMMENT:



Reviewed by: SARAH PALIN, Mayor

Attachments: Resolution No. 00-41