



**City of Rochester Hills
AGENDA SUMMARY
FINANCIAL ITEMS**

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Legislative File No: 2006-0661

TO: Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Roger H. Rousse, DPS Director; Ext. 2497

DATE: **September 20, 2006**

SUBJECT: John R Road and E. Ferry Drain Right-of-Way Acquisition Services; Revised ROW Proposal
City File No. E05-004

REQUEST:

The Department of Public Service recommends approval of the revised proposal dated August 24, 2006 between Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc. and the City of Rochester Hills for Right-of-Way Acquisition Services for the John R Road Widening and East Ferry Drain Improvements in the amount not-to-exceed \$163,613.00, and to authorize the Mayor to execute a contract on behalf of the City.

REASON FOR PURCHASE:

East Ferry Drain Background

The proposed East Ferry Drain will provide storm water drainage for John R Road from Auburn Road to Michelson Road, for Michelson Road from John R Road to the Ferry Drain, and for Bendelow Road from Michelson Road to Auburn Road.

Based on the February, 1996 drainage study by Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc. (HRC), construction of the drain is necessary to provide public health and safety, correct ponding within the traveled roadway, promote a safe and stable road base, and also help alleviate flooding and ponding of water on private property. It is also necessary to provide drainage improvements for John R Road prior to, or as part of, the road reconstruction.

John R Road Design Background

At its regular meeting of Wednesday, June 15, 2005, the Rochester Hills City Council approved the contract between Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc. and the City of Rochester Hills to provide Preliminary Engineering Design Services for the construction of the John R Road widening and East Ferry Drain Improvements in the amount of \$230,800.00 under legislative file #2005-0380.

During the beginning stages of the design work for the John R Road widening and the East Ferry Drain Improvements, the Parks & Forestry Department approached the Engineering Department to request inclusion of improvements at Spencer Park. This was approved by City Council at its regular November 2, 2005 meeting under legislative file #2005-0710 by adding \$35,365.00 to the existing design contract for the new total amount of \$266,165.00.

John R Road and East Ferry Drain Right-of-Way Acquisition Background

On September 6, 2005, eight (8) firms submitted proposals to the City for Rights-of-Way Acquisition and Related Services using a quality-based selection process. It was decided to utilize two (2) consultants on a project specific basis, and a third consultant for miscellaneous easement acquisition. Out of the three, HRC was one of the two consultants selected for project specific contracts.

Because HRC provided the preliminary engineering services, it was determined that they would be best qualified to prepare all documents and sketches needed for the acquisition of rights-of-way, highway easements, pathway easements, and temporary construction easements for the project. After negotiations proceed, the City will receive invoices from HRC for payment of rights-of-way compensation.

Spencer Park, Existing Water Main and Pathway Background

As typical with many of the Department of Public Service projects, joining of smaller portions of work to take advantage of economies of scale pricing was reviewed. John R will require a significant amount of asphalt paving material. The East Ferry Drain project will construct a substantial amount of storm sewer pipe to accommodate drainage. The adjacent location, proposed asphalt paving of the parking lot, construction zone traffic handling, equipment mobilization, while minimizing overall user disruption from several separate projects, lent the incorporation of the Spencer Park work.

Similarly, the replacement of approximately 1,000 linear feet of old existing asbestos cement (AC) water main and the partial supplementing of the City pathway system in the corridor between South Boulevard and Auburn also makes sense.

Michelson Pump Station Background

As the design phase progressed, increased review of the existing Michelson pump station's close proximity to the proposed East Ferry Drain outlet was checked. A relocation and reconstruction of the Michelson pump station out of the 100-year flood plain impoundment and further away from the proposed storm sewer discharge pipe was suggested. The relocation and reconstruction of the pump station is an alternative to simply raising the station at its current location. The relocation can still occur within the same piece of City-owned property but additional engineering design and construction costs would be necessary.

Recent Council Meeting(s) Background

The Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc. right-of-way acquisition proposal initially went to the City Council on May 3, 2006 under legislative file #2006-0274 version 1. The resolution to award the right-of-way proposal failed with a 3-3 tie vote. Council requested that the proposed John R and East Ferry Drain Project be scheduled for a work session meeting on May 24, 2006 and staff honored this request under legislative file #2006-0274 version 2. Further action on the right-of-way services proposal could not be undertaken at the work session meeting, and because the original resolution failed on May 3rd, staff could not return with the same right-of-way acquisition scope of services. The attached right-of-way acquisition proposal from HRC is modified to propose obtaining 35 grading permits instead of the previous 36 (15-35-226-031 was removed).

PROCESS:

Vendor Name and Address:

Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc.
2001 Centerpoint Parkway, Suite 109
Pontiac, MI 48341

Reason for Selection:

Quality-Based Selection

Method of Purchase:

Blanket Purchase Order
Continuing Service Agreement

BUDGET:

The Drain portion of the Project is referenced as East Ferry Drain, CIP #SW-06. The Major Road portion of the Project is referenced as the John R Reconstruction (Auburn – South Blvd.), CIP #MR-31 and John R Rehabilitation (Hamlin – Auburn), CIP #MR-30. The Pathway portion of the Project is referenced as John R Pathway (Auburn – South Blvd.), CIP #PW-31 and in the original budget for \$66,000. The Pathway, Major Road and Drain portions of the project are included in the second quarter budget amendment for \$45,000, \$184,000 and \$200,000 respectively. *The balances will be used for payments for actual ROWs.

Fund Name	Department Account No	Account No. Description	Budget Amount	Cost	Remaining Budget*
Drains	244.971000	Land SW-06	\$200,000	\$33,303.00	*\$166,697
Major Roads	452.973000	Land – ROW	\$37,000	\$16,651.50	*\$20,348.50
		Acquisition MR-30 & MR-31	\$147,000	\$63,704.00	*\$83,296.00
Pathway	403.973000	Land PW-31	\$111,000	\$49,954.50	\$61,045.50

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Public Service recommends that City Council approves the proposal between Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc. and the City of Rochester Hills for Right-of-Way Acquisition Services for the John R Road Widening and East Ferry Drain Improvements in the amount not-to-exceed \$163,613.00 and authorizes the Mayor to execute a contract on behalf of the City.

RESOLUTION

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RETURN TO AGENDA

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Budget Content: Finance Director		
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