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TO: Jerry Nankervis, Deputy Mayor, Chair
Committee of the Whole

FROM: John Bohan, Chief CIP Engineer
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RE: Proposed LID 200 – Mendenhall River Erosion– Meander and Rivercourt

The PWFC forwarded the request to form the proposed Local Improvement District (LID) for the Mendenhall River Erosion Project – Meander to Rivercourt, to the Committee of the Whole for discussion and action. The informal ballot results from the properties included in the proposed LID are 20 in favor and 5 opposed. The proposed LID would assess each property the actual project costs not covered by the U.S Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). These costs are estimated to be \$78,534 per property.

Below is an abbreviated timeline of the history and tasks to date related to the Mendenhall River - Meander Bend erosion and links to studies and additional information regarding the Mendenhall Riverbank erosion.

2014- NRCS was contacted regarding several bank erosion sites on Mendenhall River requesting assistance

March 2015 – NRCS performed site evaluations and identified Meander Bend as the only site potentially qualifying area for NRCS funding assistance

July 2015 – NRCS completed Mendenhall River Conceptual bank protection report for Meander Bend of the Mendenhall River

February 2016 –presentation to the COW (2/22/16) - Tom Mattice, CBJ Emergency Programs Manager and Brett Nelson-State Conservation Engineer NRCS, presented Mendenhall River erosion hazards and studies.

August 2016 – presentation to PWFC (8/29/16) regarding Meander Bend erosion and NRCS proposed funding. Discussion of NRCS requirements for use of proposed funds and using a 100% LID as a potential way to provide financing for affected property owners

October 2016- initial public meeting with neighborhood for discussion of LID process and presentation of initial project concepts by NRCS

January 2017 – informal poll of neighborhood showed majority support of project - 19 in favor to 14 opposed – (6 of opposed were outside of revised NRCS project boundaries) – Presented to PWFC (1/9/17)

February 2017 – second public meeting with neighborhood for discussion of LID process and presentation of preliminary design by NRCS

April 2017 – begin formal LID process- mail out informal ballots for support of formation of proposed LID

May 2017 – informal ballot results returned: 20 in favor; 5 opposed - presented to PWFC (5/20/17) and forwarded to COW.

Action Requested

Staff requests the Committee of the Whole forward the formation of the proposed LID 200 to the full Assembly for public hearing.

Related Documents:

- 2015 NRCS Mendenhall River Conceptual bank protection report
<http://www.juneau.org/cddftp/documents/Juneau-MendenhallRiverMeanderWaybendstreambankprotectionconceptualreport.pdf>
- 2015 US Army Corps of Engineers Silver Jackets Mendenhall River Jokulhlaup Report
http://www.juneau.org/cddftp/documents/Juneau_Jokulhlaup_Report_SilverJackets_2015.pdf
- 1999 USGS Mendenhall River Study
http://alaska.usgs.gov/products/pubs/1999/1999_wrir99.4150.pdf

Attachments: PWFC Memo – 5-20-2017
Proposed LID 200 Ballot Mail out Packet (letter, map, process summary)
Estimated Project Cost Breakdown
NRCS EWP Fact Sheet
PWFC Memo – August 29, 2016