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FOCUS AREA: Strengthen Trade and Commerce

ORGANIZATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS: EnterTextHere

SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION NO. 21-1482**, a Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Douglas, Cochise County, Arizona, AUTHORIZING the EXECUTION of a MEMORANDUM of UNDERSTANDING between the CITY of DOUGLAS and COCHISE COUNTY to COLLABORATE on possible grants and other funding sources for the DESIGN and CONSTRUCTION of WATER and SEWER SERVICES for the NEW COMMERCIAL PORT OF ENTRY.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Cochise County and the City of Douglas have same goals to develop a new commercial port of entry in Douglas. This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) formalize efforts to work in partnership in the development of the two-port solution for Douglas by working together on grants and other funding sources for the design and construction of water and sewer to feed the new commercial port.

BACKGROUND:

The County has already provided resources towards the planning of water/sewer development for the new port in the form of water/wastewater feasibility report at the proposed location of the new commercial port of entry area. In utilizing this planning study, the City and the County wish to utilize the report to guide financing efforts for design, engineering and construction of water and wastewater facilities that will feed the port of entry and surrounding area 4.5 miles west of Douglas.

Through this MOU, the County and the City will work together to seek financing in the form of grants. The City and County have collaborated on a grant application from the Project Development Assistance Program (PDAP) from the NADBank as co-applicants for a \$2.7 million grant for design and engineering for water and sewer. Through the MOU, City and County pledge financial support via their respective budgets in support of these infrastructure projects as well. As already utility operators, the City would be the operators and also manage the grants. The County will share its resources such as procurement, planning, mapping and other resources as deemed necessary and available. Both entities will also engage with stakeholders' groups to continue seeking support and a successful completion of the project.

As Mayor and Council are aware, the City set aside \$500,000 from ARPA funds and the County also intends to use their ARPA funds towards this project. Finally, all terms within the MOU will make reasonable efforts towards accomplishing the mutual goal to build and properly support with necessary infrastructure a new commercial port of entry.

DISCUSSION:

The City and County's partnership continues to be strong with the development of this MOU. This MOU formalizes efforts from both sides that were already existent. It also defines that we are willing to put forward our resources, both financial and in-kind assistance. Besides implementing these goals through the MOU, we can also build by adding other tasks in the future as needed. Staff recommends entering into this MOU with Cochise County.

“...I MOVE THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 21-1482.”

FISCAL IMPACT:

None. Utilization of existing staff and existing dedicated funds is foreseen to be allocated as needed.

Fiscal Year: 2021/2022

Amount Requested: \$

Budgeted: Y / N

Account (s):