

Montgomery City Council  
**AGENDA REPORT**

<b>Meeting Date:</b> June 28, 2022	<b>Budgeted Amount:</b> \$0
<b>Department:</b> Admin	<b>Prepared By:</b> Dave McCorquodale

**Subject**

Consideration and possible action regarding a proposal for a Downtown District Master Drainage Plan study from WGA Consulting Engineers.

**Recommendation**

Staff recommends approval of the proposal. WGA is capable of doing the work and have a comprehensive understanding of the project location and the City's needs.

**Discussion**

As many of you are aware, the redevelopment of public spaces in the historic downtown has been one of the MEDC's priorities over the last year that builds on the ideas and goals set out in the City's 2020 Comprehensive Plan update. Last year, the MEDC funded a project that created the design framework and vision for the entire downtown area that included streetscape and sidewalks, the Community Building grounds, as well as City-leased open space and parking lots. Currently the MEDC is about to begin a design project for the McCown Street streetscape between Caroline and College Streets in the heart of downtown.

The City has been analyzing infrastructure needs in the downtown area for the past several years based on the age of various parts of the City's infrastructure. A new 12" waterline was recently installed along Eva and Pond Streets. A needed replacement and upsizing of the 4" McCown Street waterline is on the horizon as part of the ongoing capital project efforts. The City also recently televised the sanitary sewer collection system in the downtown area as part of a larger preventative maintenance project and is currently reviewing data to determine priorities and planning steps.

There are some existing storm sewer inlets and pipes in the downtown area with no record of size or design analysis. As the City and MEDC look to improve downtown it is prudent to complete a drainage study and master plan to ensure drainage is planned out appropriately to prevent issues and rework. This study from WGA was provided at the request of staff after several discussions on downtown drainage and looks to provide an overall view of the drainage needs in the downtown area and ensure the City is planning for the future. The timing of this project is being considered in the context of future downtown design efforts being able to use this data and providing a comprehensive framework that accounts for the entire drainage area.

The \$65,000 cost of the drainage master plan can be paid for from funds budgeted for the Clepper Street sidewalk project that the MEDC is now funding.

**Approved By**

		Date:
Interim City Administrator	Dave McCorquodale	Date: 06/23/2022

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