



## CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

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**MEETING DATE:** 07/13/2021

**REQUESTER:** Paul D'Andrea, Capital Projects Engineer

**PRESENTER:** Shawn O'Leary, Public Works Director

**ITEM TITLE:** CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2122-25: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, AND THE NORMAN MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY TRANSFERRING \$3,265,232 FROM THE JAMES GARNER PHASE 1 PROJECT TO BE USED FOR THE JAMES GARNER PHASE II PROJECT.

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### **BACKGROUND:**

On November 24, 2015, City Council approved Contract K-1516-83 with Meyer, Scherer & Rockcastle, Ltd. (MSR) for architectural services for the design of a new Central Library building approved as part of NORMAN FORWARD. The Central Library will be located north of the intersection of Acres Street and James Garner Avenue. Additionally, the approval of NORMAN FORWARD included the widening and streetscape improvement of James Garner Avenue from Acres Street to Flood Avenue.

On June 14, 2016 City Council approved Amendment No. One to Contract K-1516-83 with MSR for the design of Phase I of the James Garner Project, increasing the contract amount by \$64,900 for a revised contract amount of \$3,750,710.

The James Garner Avenue Phase I project constructed the extension of James Garner Avenue along the east side of the new Library, which also serves as a fire lane for the Library. The project also re-aligned the intersection of Acres Street west of the then-existing intersection at James Garner Avenue, so a concrete safety barrier could be installed between the new intersection and the BNSF Railroad Crossing, improving the safety of this railroad crossing and to be in compliance with the Railroad Quiet Zone. The intersection improvements included new left turn lanes from Acres Avenue onto James Garner Avenue. Stormwater drainage system improvements utilized a Low Impact Development (LID) design where depressed medians and landscaping facilitate rainwater to naturally filter and seep back into the ground by means of a bio-swale.

On March 13, 2018, City Council approved Contract K-1718-73 with Silver Star Construction of Moore, Oklahoma for the construction of the James Garner Phase 1 – Acres Street Intersection Project in the amount of \$1,867,880. Construction of the James Garner Phase 1 – Acres Street Intersection Project began in April 2018 and was substantially complete in February 2019.

The remaining construction activities had no impact on traffic, and consisted primarily of sidewalk placement, grass sodding and final clean up. On November 26, 2019 City Council approved the final change order for and final acceptance of Contract K-1718-73 for James Garner Phase I.

## **DISCUSSION:**

The James Garner Extension from Acres Street to Flood Avenue Project was originally approved as a single project as part of Norman Forward (Project NFB004). However, in 2016, City Council approved breaking the project into two phases. Phase I (Project NFB008) would encompass only the intersection of Acres and James Garner and a portion of the extension to the north of the intersection. This was done to allow the new portions of James Garner adjacent to the new Library to be coordinated with the Library construction. Norman Forward funds in the amount of \$1,324,262.10, were transferred to the separated Phase I project. These funds were intended to supplement funding from Railroad Quiet Zone Bonds and Norman Utility Authority funds, to cover the cost of construction of the intersection, and railroad crossing improvements associated with the Library construction.

In addition, it was determined that the James Garner Extension project was to be paid from collected revenues (i.e., pay-go), and not from bond funds. As such, a new project number was established to account for the James Garner Avenue, Phase II project (Project NFP109).

With the James Garner Phase I project now complete, there are remaining unencumbered funds within the James Garner Phase I project accounts totaling \$779,905. Since the funding for this project was originally allotted to pay for the entire James Garner Extension, staff requests that the remaining funds be transferred back into the James Garner Phase II project (NFP109) to ensure that the funds remain with the intended project and that the remaining phase of the project will be funded as originally approved. Also, funds remaining in the bond-funded project (NFB004) need to be transferred to the Pay-As-You-Go project (NFP109).

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends transfer of funds from the bond-funded James Garner Avenue Project, Construction (Account 51594403-46101; Project NFB008) in the amount of \$494,709; Design (Account 51594403-46201) in the amount of \$5,826; and Utilities (Account 51594403-46701) in the amount of \$279,370; for a total of \$779,905 to the Norman Forward James Garner Avenue Pay-As-You-Go Project, Construction (Account 51594405-46101; Project NFP109).

In addition, staff recommends transfer of funds from the James Garner Avenue Bond-Funded Project, Construction (Account 51594405-46101; Project NFB004) in the amount of \$1,150,000; Design (Account 51594405-46201) in the amount of \$225,102; Land (Account 51594405-46001) in the amount of \$860,225; Utilities (Account 51594405-46701) in the amount of \$250,000; for a total of \$2,485,327; to the Norman Forward James Garner Avenue Pay-as-You-Go Project, Construction (Account 51594405-46101; Project NFP109).