



CITY OF NOVI CITY COUNCIL JULY 27, 2026

SUBJECT: Approval of the final closing documents from Hartwell Cement Company, Inc, for the 2024 Neighborhood Sidewalk Repair Program project, in the amount of \$0.00.

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: Department of Public Works, Engineering Division

KEY HIGHLIGHTS:

- Second phase of the Neighborhood Sidewalk Repair Program
- 34,500 square feet of sidewalk replaced, and 60 trees removed in five subdivisions
- Hartwell agreed to release all remaining retainage to the City and transferred to a future program

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

City engineering consultant, AECOM-Great Lakes, assisted the Engineering Division with developing a plan for the second phase of the Neighborhood Sidewalk Repair Program. The first phase of the sidewalk repair program was a pilot program in the Meadowbrook Glens subdivision. This program repairs and replaces damaged sidewalk panels that pose a risk to public safety. The program also includes tree pruning and removal where tree roots are responsible for the sidewalk damage.

For this second phase of the program, subdivisions were selected based on their sidewalk network's age and condition. The subdivisions included were Chase Farms, Willowbrook Farms, Bristol Corners, Yerkes Manor, and Westminster Village. AECOM evaluated all sidewalk panels and worked with the City Forester to determine which trees required pruning and removal.

Across the five subdivisions, a total of approximately 34,500 square feet of concrete sidewalk were removed and replaced.

In Bristol Corners, approximately 21 panels of replaced sidewalk exhibited severe scaling of the surface of the concrete. Hartwell has agreed to let the City keep all their remaining retainage (\$24,990.94) to close out their contract with the City. The City will transfer these retainage funds to the next sidewalk program to fix them.

The construction contract was awarded at the July 8, 2024 City Council meeting to Hartwell Cement Company, Inc, in the amount of \$435,037.75. Staff worked with the engineering consultant for this project, AECOM-Great Lakes, to review and verify the final contract payment amount of \$0.00 that is due to the contractor. The City Attorney reviewed the final documentation and found it to be in an acceptable form (Beth Saarela, May 26, 2026).

There were three (3) approved change orders issued resulting in an overall increase of \$64,781.24 or 14.9% over the awarded amount. The approved change orders resulted in a contract price of \$499,818.99 for the contract. Then, after subtracting the retainage, the final contract price is \$474,828.05.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval of the final closing documents from Hartwell Cement Company, Inc, for the 2024 Neighborhood Sidewalk Repair Program project, in the amount of \$0.