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MEMO

TO:

Alderperson Ruetten and Committee Members

FROM:

Jaynellen J. Holloway, P.E.

DATE:

June 6, 2022

RE:

Finance Committee Agenda Narrative for June 16, 2022

Agenda Items:

Review and take possible action: Budget Amendment for Utility Accommodation Permit Review

BACKGROUND

Review and take possible action: Budget Amendment for Utility Accommodation Permit Review: City policy allows Engineering to charge back review fees to utilities for plan reviews. The City is contracted with Short Elliot Hendrickson Inc. (S E H) to perform document review of telecommunication companies that lease their equipment on City towers/water towers, small cell communication locations, and fiber optic distribution systems. Recently AT&T has submitted a utility accommodation permit to place six (6) small cell communication poles within the City's right-of-way and has paid the review fees as part of the applications. These fees have been placed in the Permits account #01-43-51-49 Occupy the Street/Sidewalk Permits. Engineering needs to pay S E H for their review of these applications. Those fees traditionally are taken from Engineering account #01-54-10-44 Engineering Review Fees. Engineering is seeking approval of a budget amendment to increase the Occupy the Street revenue account by \$6,000 and increase the Engineering Review Fees expense account by \$6,000 to cover the review expenses. A draft resolution is attached for your use.

Attachments:

Review and take possible action: Budget Amendment for Utility Accommodation Permit Review:

- Draft Resolution

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RESOLUTION TO APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT TO COVER S E H TELECOMMUNICATION REVIEW FEES OF \$6,000

SPONSOR: ALDERPERSON RUETTEN, ACTING CHAIR FROM: FINANCE COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, City policy allows for outside assistance for the utility plan review and the plan review fees to be charged back to the utility; and,

WHEREAS, the utility has paid those fees upfront and those fees have been placed in Permits Occupy Street/Sidewalk Permits revenue account #01-43-51-49; and,

WHEREAS, the account used to pay the outside firm hired to perform the utility plan review, Short Elliot Hendrickson Inc. (S E H), is Engineering Review Fees expense account #01-54-10-44; and,

WHEREAS, a budget amendment is needed to balance the expenditure; and,

WHEREAS, Engineering staff has presented this need to the Finance Committee and they approve the budget amendment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATERTOWN, WISCONSIN:

That the proper City Officials be and are hereby authorized to approve the budget amendment to allow sufficient funds to be made available to pay Short Elliot Hendrickson Inc. (S E H), for their utility plan review. That the budget amount of Permits Occupy Street/Sidewalk Permits (revenue account #01-43-51-49) be increased in the amount of \$6,000 and that the budget amount of Engineering Review Fees (expense account #01-54-10-44) be increased in the amount of \$6,000 for the 2022 budget year.

	YES	NO
DAVIS		
LAMPE		
RUETTEN		
BARTZ		
LICHT		
SMITH		
SCHMID		
WETZEL		
ROMLEIN		
MAYOR MCFARLAND		
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ADOPTED
CITY CLERK
APPROVED June 21, 2022
MAYOR