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- Analysis -

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Whereas, The Menomonee Valley Conservation Project (MVCP) is a wetland demonstration project located on a 3.3 acre parcel traversed by the Wisconsin Avenue Viaduct; and

Whereas, The MVCP is funded through a \$500,000 WISDNR Recreation Aids grant and \$500,000 in City matching funds for a total project budget of \$1M; and

Whereas, Common Council Resolution Number 980241 approved a construction budget based on preliminary construction estimate in the amount of \$625,000 to allow implementation of the MVCP and authorized the Commissioner of Public Works to let contracts for construction; and

Whereas, Based on preliminary bids received, construction costs were underestimated. The disparity between the construction estimate and bids appears to be the result of the following:

- Uncertainty of actual costs during preparation of the construction estimate of unique major project components such as planting and seeding of wetland and prairie plants as well as post planting management. - project complexity and coordination of numerous specialized subcontractors was not considered in the preparation of the construction estimate.

- environmental remediation of a contaminated parcel was added to the project after the construction estimate was prepared; and

Whereas, Of the \$1M total project budget, approximately \$194,000 was expended on the feasibility and design phases of project development leaving a balance of \$806,000; and

Whereas, The construction cost, including construction inspection, is currently estimated at \$806,000; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the City Engineer is authorized to expend the above referenced funds for construction of the MVCP; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee directs the Commissioner of Public Works to let construction contracts to allow implementation of the MVCP.

Infrastructure Services Division

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