



MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 21, 2019

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers
Dave Perrault, City Administrator

FROM: Todd Blomstrom, Interim Public Works Director/City Engineer

SUBJECT: Old Snelling Trail and Watermain Improvements

Budgeted Amount:
\$3,376,269.85
(contractor only)

Actual Amount:
\$3,902,275.76
(contractor only)

Funding Sources:
Ramsey County/MSAS, PIR,
Developer Reimbursement,
Water and Storm Utility

For Council Consideration

Staff is available to provide an update to the City Council regarding potential resolution of outstanding change order claims for the Old Snelling Trail and Watermain Improvements project.

Background

On March 26, 2018, the City Council adopted Resolution 2018-022 Awarding the Old Snelling Trail and Watermain Improvements Project to Sunram Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$3,376,269.85. A total of eight (8) progress payments have been approved by the City Council, with the total work certified to date of \$3,655,663.64 as outlined in the City Council agenda memo for Payment No. 8.

A total of five change orders have been approved for the project as described below, totaling \$494,750.34. Copies of all five change orders are provided in Attachment A.

- Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$142,675.38 for the addition of helical piles to support retaining Wall 3, additional tracer wire along the new watermain, changes in pavement markings, and additional pavement removal work.

- Change Order No. 2 in the amount of \$219,014.45 for subgrade corrections and base material.
- Change Order No. 3 in the amount of \$124,570.73 for additional depth extension of helical piles for Wall 3, reinforced soil slope for Wall 1, and extra signage for detour route.
- Change Order No. 4 in the amount of \$5,904.56 for modifications to the pedestrian flasher pedestal at the Bethel University intersection and additional drain tile within the roadway.
- Change Order No. 5 in the amount of \$2,585.22 for additional signage needed to direct traffic to Bethel University.

Sunram Construction continues to have unresolved change order claims for the project. WSB and Sunram Construction attempted to negotiate a settlement of claims over the past several months. Change Order No. 6 in the amount of \$31,255.57 was prepared by WSB based on recent negotiations. A copy of draft Change Order No. 6 is provided in Attachment B. Sunram Construction has indicated that they continue to have approximately \$89,000 of additional change order claims for the project beyond the items included in the proposed Change Order No. 6.

City staff requested this item on the work session agenda to provide a status update for the project and review the terms of dispute resolution as outlined in the construction contract. The Supplementary General Conditions state: *“If the dispute cannot be resolved between the Contractor and the Engineer staff, the presidents of the respective firms will meet to attempt to resolve the dispute(s). If resolution is not achieved, the dispute shall be submitted to non-binding mediation.”*

Attachment

Attachment A – Change Orders No. 1 through No. 5
Attachment B – Change Order No. 6 (DRAFT)