

Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor Lott and City Council

From: Jon Rauscher-Public Works Director

Cc: City Manager, City Engineer, Finance Director

Re: Hickok Street Reconstruction Project – Project Update

Date: June 15, 2020

On 6/1/2020 we held a bid opening for the Hickok Street phase 2 reconstruction work. We only received one bid. The bid was approximately \$1.3M above the Engineer's construction estimate (Engineer's Estimate: \$1.68M, Bid: \$2.99M). The bid was rejected on the basis of receiving only one response and the amount exceeded the projects total bond capacity. For reference, the City would need to expend ±\$280K in combined General and Sewer Reserve Funds to accept the bid.

Based on discussions with the project team, we are proposing to re-bid the work with an extended schedule. Based on interviews with local contractors, the lack of response is due to a backlog of construction projects from the COVID shutdown. Most stated that they would be willing to bid the project if the schedule were relaxed to allow completion in 2021.

Below is an outline of the proposed revised schedule;

- Design Modification and Contract Document amendments - June 19
- Bid Advertisement - June 23
- Pre-Bid Meeting - July 7
- Bids Receipt - July 23
- Recommendation to Award – August 3rd
- Contractor Mobilizes Onsite – TBD by Contractor assumed mid-August

The schedule for the phase 2 work will likely be as follows;

- 2020 season – Sewer and stormwater pipe and structure sliplining
- 2021 season – Drainage repairs and road reconstruction/paving



We have reviewed the rebidding and schedule extension with the Vermont Water Investment Division (sewer scope funding). They accept this approach and the cost to re-bid the project is eligible under the State Revolving Loan Fund financing. The additional estimated engineering cost to re-bid the project is \$5,500.

We understand that this will impact community members that expected to see all work completed by this fall. We will continue our project outreach efforts to relay this approach and respond to feedback. The current corridor conditions are passable for vehicles and accommodate winter plowing operations. Temporary pavement and curbing as part of the phase 1 watermain replacement work was performed at the end of last season. The remaining scope of work will also be less disruptive given the limited excavation work required.

