## REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

2/9/09 Date: Item No.: 12.d

Department Approval

City Manager Approval

Contract for Appraisal and Easement Acquisition Services for the Twin Lakes

Item Description: **AUAR Subarea I Infrastructure Improvements** 

## BACKGROUND

On November 17, 2008, the City Council authorized staff to develop final plans and specifications and

- advertise for bids for the Twin Lakes Infrastructure Improvements- Phase I and to start negotiations with 3
- property owners for temporary and permanent easements. The Council authorized the utilization of 4
- Centre Pointe TIF funds in addition to state grant money and infrastructure contributions from
- Metropolitan Council's Park N Ride project to pay for the construction of the Twin Lakes Infrastructure 6
- Improvements- Phase I.
- The Metropolitan Council is using Urban Partnership Agreement (UPA) funds to pay for their portion of 8
- the infrastructure improvement costs. These UPA funds must be spent by December 31, 2008. We are 9
- working on an agreement with Metropolitan Council that will be coming to the City Council for 10
- approval on February 23, detailing their participation in these improvements. In order for the Twin 11
- Lakes Infrastructure Improvements- Phase I to be constructed by December 31, 2009, we will need to 12
- start construction by June 15, 2009. 13
- To construct Twin Lakes Infrastructure Improvements- Phase I, the City will need to purchase right- of-14
- way and temporary easements from 6 different property owners. To start the negotiations with property 15
- owners, the City will need to conduct appraisals for the land to be purchased as right-of-way and for 16
- temporary construction easements. Staff is proposing to use the appraisal firm of Dahlen, Dwyer, and 17
- Foley. They have done appraisals for the Twin Lakes project in the past and are currently conducting 18
- the appraisal for 2785 Fairview (the Hagen parcel). They will conduct appraisals of the land needed for 19
- the construction of the Twin Lakes Phase I infrastructure, primarily property owned by P.I.K Terminal 20
- Inc. Roseville Properties, and Xtra Lease Inc. The costs of the appraisals will be \$21,000. 21
- In order to construct these improvements, the City will need to obtain right- of- way and easements from 22
- 12 parcels. There are 6 different property owners to negotiate with for these acquisitions. Due to the 23
- number of easements and right- of- way parcels needed and the limited time to acquire them, we are 24
- recommending that we hire a consultant to conduct easement acquisitions for this project. Staff has 25
- received proposals from WSB and Associates (\$19,520) and Evergreen Land Services (\$23,400) to 26
- complete this work. Both firms are highly recommended by other clients. At this time we recommend 27
- that we amend our existing contract with WSB to include right- of- way acquisition services. 28

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## POLICY OBJECTIVE

- Since the appraisal and acquisition services require professional service contracts, the City Council is being asked to authorize the City Manager to execute these agreements.
- 33 FINANCIAL IMPACTS
- Staff recommends that TIF District 17 fund the appraisals and right- of- way acquisition services.
- 35 STAFF RECOMMENDATION
- Staff recommends that the City Council authorize staff to enter into a contract to complete appraisals
- and right- of- way acquisition services for the Twin Lakes AUAR Subarea I Infrastructure
- 38 Improvements.

## REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION

- Motion to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Dahlen, Dwyer & Foley, Inc in the
- amount of \$21,000 to conduct an appraisal for acquisition of right-of-way and temporary construction
- easements for the Twin Lakes Phase I Infrastructure project.
- Motion to authorize the City Manager to amend the Twin Lakes AUAR SubArea I Infrastructure
- Improvements Contract with WSB and Associates to include right- of- way negotiation and acquisition
- services in the amount of \$19,520.

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Attachments: None