



MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Timothy Woerther and City Council Members

From: Ryan S. Thomas, City Administrator

Date: April 8, 2016

Re: Consultant Agreement with Environmental Stewardship Concepts (Dr. Peter DeFur)

Background

On January 22, 2016, the City Administrator authorized an initial \$5,000 agreement with Environmental Stewardship Concepts (ESC) for conducting a document review and preparing a report relative to the current status of the Ellisville Superfund Site, which includes a portion of the proposed Strecker Forest development site and the Callahan property sub-site. Additionally, arrangements were made for a visit by Dr. Peter DeFur of ESC to present the report and answer questions of the City Council. To date, between the research, report preparation and travel/presentation, costs have now reached a total of \$7,885.28. Therefore, it will be necessary to increase the maximum sum of the agreement to cover these costs and future costs as needed.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City extend its agreement with Environmental Stewardship Concepts to a new cap of \$20,000.00.

Reasons for Recommendation

1. ESC's expertise will continue to prove very valuable in addressing this very important public health issue.
2. Funds totaling \$30,000 have been budgeted in 2016 for consultant expenses related to this issue.
3. The budget balance of \$10,000 could be needed for other related expenses, such as obtaining monitoring well data or other analyses.

Resolution #2016-09 has been placed on the April 11, 2016 City Council Agenda for action.

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Other Related Matters

It is anticipated that an update and discussion of next steps relative to the ongoing public health concerns on the Ellisville Superfund Site will be scheduled for the April 25, 2016 City Council Work Session. Additionally, the City's recent written objection to the delisting of the Callahan Subsite has been reposted to the EPA's site for public comment. Additional technical information is also being compiled to include as well.

I will be available for any questions or comments at the April 11, 2016 City Council Work Session.

RST