

to the budget. The RFP was posted on the City's website; however, only one proposal was received, Euthenics, Inc., but this company is well qualified. Funds from the design work are in the 2019 capital budget. Euthenics, Inc. provided a proposal that met the RFP requirements and demonstrated the qualifications needed for the project. Although they were the only respondents, they are qualified due to extensive experience with similar intersection improvement projects. They also have experience working with ODOT, utility companies, and are working in this area as part of the Warrensville Center Road Bridge project. Director Braverman stated that this is a request to award a design/engineering contract to Euthenics, Inc. in the amount of \$64,130.

Chair Roeder asked if there were any questions for Director Braverman.

Citizen Member Jonathan Hren stated that he would like to comment that he is very familiar with the engineering firm Euthenics, Inc. and speaks very well of them and recommends approval.

Mr. Joseph Ciuni stated there was a meeting with Euthenics, Inc. to go through their proposal and they actually brought fresh ideas to the table that we are very happy with.

Chair Roeder stated that since we cannot vote on this agenda item, what he is hearing from the Committee is support to move forward with hiring Euthenics, Inc. for the design/engineering portion of the Warrensville/Shaker Heights project.

Mr. Ciuni stated that there have been conversations with residents in the neighborhood and these residents are very well aware of the project and are anxious to see to see it proceed. Mr. Ciuni added that as part of the project there will be two more neighborhood meetings.

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ODOT LPA Resurfacing Warrensville Center Road – Request to Enter into Contract with ODOT

Patricia Speese, Director of Public Works

Director Speese explained that the City has received funding from Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) through their Provisional Transportation Asset Management Program established in 2014, for the federal Local Public Agency Project (LPA), resurfacing of Warrensville Center Road from Fairmount Boulevard (the northern corporation limit) to Farnsleigh Road. This project was originally programmed by NOACA for 2016; however, due to all of the road reconfiguration and the new Van Aken Development, the City requested that it be postponed until 2020. Director Speese stated that the funding is an 80/20 split and this usually translates at the end for the project to be 60/40 as there are so many items that are not included in the 80/20 split. Due to all of the roadwork and the development on Warrensville Center Road and the gas line work along with the sewer work, the City was able to postpone the project until next year. Currently, the time has come and a request is being made from the Committee for approval to enter into the formal agreement. The Agreement will include three inches of asphalt pavement removal and resurfacing, partial and full depth base pavement and joint repairs, the construction of ADA compliant curb ramps and minor curb replacements. Additionally, it will include pavement markings and associated adjustments to grade of castings. The estimated project cost is \$2,625,115. Per NOACA funding, ODOT's cap is \$1,648,000. Therefore, the estimated difference is \$977,115, to be provided by the City of Shaker Heights. Director Speese indicated that in the past, approximately five or six years, Council has

appropriated \$2,000,000 for roadway resurfacing. The Public Works Department is hoping that this figure remains the same for next year. If this is the case, the Public Works Department can perform this project and have money left over for other road resurfacing. A tight hold is kept on projects; consequently, there is hope to come in under budget. The Public Works Department is requesting that the City enter into a formal contract with ODOT for the resurfacing of Warrensville Center Road.

Chair Roeder asked if there were any questions or comments.

James Sammon, Citizen Member asked if the only way we can resurface other roads is if you have money left over from what was budgeted, is that correct?

Yes, that is correct with the \$2,000,000.

Chair Roeder stated that the sense of the Committee is to move forward with this project and enter into the formal contract with ODOT.

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Hot Works Training – Budget Appropriation Request
Patrick Sweeney, Chief of Fire

Chair Roeder stated that as the Committee knows there was a fire last year at Fernway Elementary School. He added that Chief Sweeney has followed up on potential hot works training as it was the cause of fire at Fernway.

Chief Sweeney stated that the community was heavily impacted by the Fernway Elementary School fire. He added that the cause of the fire was determined to be due to hot works processes in which contractors were using torches to apply a new roof to the building. Due to this determination, Chief Sweeney stated that the City immediately began to review any and all options to minimize the possibility of a similar fire reoccurring in Shaker Heights. Last year some of the recommendations presented to Council entailed stricter regulations when using hot works processes, which sends a message to contractors that if you do this type of work in Shaker Heights, apply for the proper permits and follow the permit guidelines relative to hot works processes. Chief Sweeney added that over the last year Council made a number of changes to tighten up all of the regulations and through the Law Department and the Building Department successfully prosecuted the roofing company which was found guilty of causing the fire. This resulted in that company being required to provide hot works safety training to their entire staff along with \$35,000 in fines that were imposed upon the company. Approximately \$15,000 of the fines will go back to the City to recover personnel and overtime costs. The fine will also provide training to all members of the Fire Department and Shaker School facility Maintenance Staff. Chief Sweeney added that this training will be provided to all of the Fire Safety Inspectors through the Northeast Ohio Fire Prevention Association. He stated that providing this training to the broader fire service community will hopefully reduce these types of fire in the greater Northeast Ohio community. With regard to the aforementioned groups, the NFPA will be brought in to train. The costs of the training should be approximately \$20,000. Chief Sweeney further stated that during the sentencing phase of the prosecution, a fine payment schedule was established by the courts that identified the dates and amounts to be paid to the City of Shaker Heights. The payment schedule is as follows:

August 29, 2019	\$10,000	Training Costs for Firefighters and School Facilities
December 27, 2019	\$10,000	Regional Hot Works Training
February 25, 2020	\$15,000	Restitution for Fire Department Costs.

Chief Sweeney stated that he would like to get moving on this training and not wait until the funds come in. There is training tentatively scheduled for September 9, 2019. In order to do move forward he stated he needs a budget appropriation for the \$20,000. The money will then be reimbursed back to the City's General Fund. Chief Sweeney stated that he is hoping the Committee will allow the Fire Department to obtain a budget appropriation for the training.

Citizen Member Sammon asked if he is sure the company that is fined is collectable.

Chief Sweeney responded that there is a lot hanging over this company's head right now through the Law Department and the courts. There is not a 100% guarantee, but it is felt that we can collect these funds.

Council Member Anne Williams stated that she feels it is important to get the training sooner than later and she would be supportive of the earlier training.

Citizen Member Hren stated that it sounds like a \$20,000 appropriation would then be reimbursed. Since the payment is coming later, will it then go into the budget for 2020?

Chief Sweeney stated that probably the last payment would go into the City's general fund for 2020.

Chair Roeder stated that the \$20,000 will be reimbursed for the training and the \$15,000 would go into the General Fund to help with costs to the Fire Department with regard to personnel costs during the fire.

Chief Sweeney said that was correct.

Chair Roeder stated that it sounds like the mind of the Committee is supportive of this appropriation.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:16 A.M. The next meeting will be August 2, 2019.

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 Safety & Public Works Committee