

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Steven D. Powers, City Administrator


DATE: October 31, 2012

SUBJECT: Emergency Purchase Order with Waste Management, Inc. for Dexter Avenue Contaminated Soils (\$45,000)

Section 1:317 of the Ann Arbor City Code requires that City Administrator notify City Council within two weeks after the purchase of emergency services. As required, I am informing you of my October 24th approval of an emergency purchase order with Waste Management, Inc. for the reasons described in the attached memorandum.

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TO: Steven Powers, City Administrator

FROM: Homayoon Pirooz, P.E., Project Management Manager 

DATE: October 22, 2012

SUBJECT: Emergency Purchase Order with Waste Management, Inc. for Dexter Avenue Contaminated Soils (\$45,000)

With the recommendation of the Public Services Financial Manager, we write to ask for your approval of an emergency purchase order with Waste Management, Inc. for \$45,000 to provide landfilling of contaminated soil excavated from the Dexter Avenue Improvements Project. We plan to prepare a resolution for the City Council's approval of this purchase order on November 19, 2012.

During excavations for the Dexter Avenue road and utility work, the Contractor encountered soil which had a petroleum-type odor. We contacted the City's environmental consultant, TetraTech, to analyze the soil and determine how to properly handle it. In addition the odor, the tests indicated that the soil was contaminated with petroleum products which require the soil to be landfilled.

Soil borings taken before the project did not find any indication of this tainted soil. While we have no evidence, we assume that the soil was contaminated by an old automobile repair shop that used to be near the site.

Between the two local eligible landfills (EQ and Waste Management), Waste Management had the lower tipping fees. We have already excavated approximately 3000 tons of soil and we estimate that there will be approximately 1200 tons once we begin excavations on the north side of the road. The tipping fee is \$9.98/ton.

We propose to fund this purchase order from the existing budget of the Dexter Avenue Improvements Project.

Cc: Craig Hupy, Public Services Administrator
Elizabeth Rolla, Senior Project Manager, Project Management Services Unit
Kelly Stark, Administrative Support Specialist, Public Services Administration

Approved 10/24/12
