



Legislation Text

File #: 12-1387, **Version:** 1

Resolution to Ratify City Administrator Approval of Emergency Purchase Order with Waste Management, Inc. for the Dexter Avenue Improvements Project (\$45,000.00)

The attached resolution seeks ratification of the City Administrator's authorization, pursuant to the authority granted him under Section 1:317 of the Ann Arbor City Code, for the landfilling of contaminated soil excavated from the Dexter Avenue Improvements Project.

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. At the time of this memo, the Contractor had 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.

The City Administrator authorized the request on October 24, 2012, having been fully apprised of the urgency of this request. A copy of October 31, 2012, memorandum to City Council, with a copy of his approval attached, is attached.

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

Prepared by: Homayoon Pirooz, P.E., Project Management Manager

Reviewed by: Craig Hupy, Public Services Administrator

Approved by: Steven D. Powers, City Administrator

Whereas, Soil with a petroleum-type odor was encountered during excavations for the Dexter Avenue Improvements Project;

Whereas, In addition the odor, analytical test results indicated that the soil was contaminated with petroleum products which require the soil to be landfilled;

Whereas, The excavated soil needed to be removed from the site;

Whereas, Waste Management, Inc. provided the lowest cost for proper disposal of this soil;

Whereas, Public Services requested approval of the purchase order from the City Administrator

under his emergency purchasing authority granted under Section 317 of the Ann Arbor City Code;

Whereas, Sufficient funds are budgeted in the Dexter Avenue Improvements Project budget; and

Whereas, The City Administrator authorized the request on October 24, 2012, having been fully apprised of the urgency of this request;

RESOLVED, That the purchase order with Waste Management, Inc. in the amount of \$45,000.00 for disposal of the affected soil be ratified and authorized; and

RESOLVED, That the City Administrator be authorized to take all necessary administrative actions to implement this resolution.