

AGENDA REPORT

Regular City Council - 17 Dec 2019



TITLE

Approve Phase 2 Environmental Study for Fire Station 1 Land

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve Phase 2 Environmental Assessment for Fire Station 1 Land Purchase by Braun Intertech for \$25,926.

BACKGROUND

On October 8, 2019 the Council approved the purchase of land to replace Fire Station 1. As part of the purchase agreement the City is entitled to complete due diligence on the property which includes an Environmental Assessment of the property. Braun Intertech was contracted to complete a Phase 1 Environmental Assessment of the property where Fire Station 1 is proposed to be located.

The Phase 1 assessment found that the property may have been part of a “cul-de-sac dump on 143rd Street.” It is believed that the dump may have included “debris, railroad ties, vehicle wastes, and small quantities of waste containers or paints, thinners and oils.” Some of the site may have been excavated and filled and some of the site may have been covered with fill. The purchase agreement allowed for a 60 day due diligence period, if additional environmental investigation is needed an additional 60 days of due diligence may be added.

Given the information gathered during the Phase 1 Environmental Assessment; staff, architect and construction manager all believe further investigation of the site with a Phase 2 Environmental Assessment would be in the City’s best interest. Staff has notified the owner to extend the due diligence period to the additional 60 days.

Braun Intertech has provided a proposal to conduct the Phase 2 Environmental Assessment, which includes boring and testing soil from the site. This proposal has been developed in conjunction with our architect and construction manager to also meet the needs of some of the geotechnical studies needed for designing the fire station to eliminate redundancy.

Braun Intertech has expertise in this type of work and is a recommended provider from both our architect and construction manager.

BUDGET IMPACT

The proposed cost of the Phase 2 Assessment from Braun Intertech is \$25,926. The funds for the environmental assessment is available from the facilities fund.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the approval of the Phase 2 Environmental Assessment study by Braun Intertech for \$25,926.

RELATED ENDS & OUTCOME STATEMENT(S)

Environment: People find Burnsville is an environmentally sensitive community ensuring preservation and enhancement of its natural resources.

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