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COMMUNICATIONS

From: Tim Cummings, Economic Development Director
Re: West Pearl Street Streetscaping Design & Construction Project

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Re: Downtown Riverfront TIF Update

DISCUSSION

- Discussion and Final Approval – West Pearl Street Construction & Design Project
- Update on Riverfront Project

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GENERAL DISCUSSION

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ADJOURNMENT



TO: Michael O'Brien, Chair
FROM: Tim Cummings, Economic Development Director
Date: July 7, 2022
RE: West Pearl Street Streetscaping Design & Construction Project

I am writing to provide an update and seek approval on the streetscaping along West Pearl Street.

As you may know, the Performing Arts Center is currently under construction and originally the vision included some streetscaping and infrastructure upgrades along West Pearl Street, however, a decision was made early on to value engineer some of these external infrastructure improvements out of the project in an effort to contain the project cost.

This does not negate the need to improve West Pearl Street; to that end, the Downtown Improvement Committee prioritized this project and set aside money to design an improved West Pearl Street. This coupled with the previously escrowed money allowed for phases 1 and 2 to proceed, which essentially designed the project (Phase 1 was preliminary design and phase 2 is essentially final design). I came before you at the conclusion of preliminary design. I am here again at the conclusion of final design to ensure we are on the right track.

If acceptable, we will proceed to construction once the Board of Public Works, Downtown Improvement Committee, reviews the design and another stakeholder's meeting is held with businesses and interested parties on West Pearl Street. This will occur in the month of August.

A bond has been authorized, but construction contracts and construction administration by the design professionals contract would still be needed authorization and I would look to have this contracts approved in July/August.

I welcome your input and comments. THANK YOU.



To: Michael O'Brien, Chair
From: Tim Cummings, Director of Economic Development
Cc:
Date: July/2022
Re: **Downtown Riverfront TIF Update**

Purpose

The Office of Economic Development has been implementing the Downtown Riverfront TIF in line with the Nashua Downtown Riverfront Development Plan. The purpose of this memo is to provide Infrastructure with a general update and status overview.

Update & Overview

The project is running approximately 6 months behind schedule. This is due to a multitude of factors, but is essentially a combination of the current market conditions as we come out of the pandemic, concerns raised by the permitting agencies that have jurisdiction and authority over the project and the fact that this is a complicated design when dealing with the river.

Originally we had anticipated wrapping up preliminary design in the late winter/early fall, but we just obtained preliminary design completion over the last two months and the corresponding need to move into final design was pushed off accordingly.

Simultaneous with concluding preliminary design we started the permitting process, which is well underway and the goal is to have the project permitted by the end of this calendar year.

Originally, I had offered that we would begin construction this year on certain elements of the project, but that anticipated we would be further along in design and we would have Harvey Construction under contract for the project, which is still in progress. I believe it will be next spring before any construction begins.

Finally, I am concerned about the construction costs continuing to rise and coupled with the delay in the design the original project as conceived will be more costly to build. We will know more about this over the coming months once Harvey begins to estimate the preliminary design.