



Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

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Chicago, IL 60611

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR BOARD MEETING OF FEBRUARY 6, 2020

COMMITTEE ON REAL ESTATE

Mr. Brian A. Perkovich, Executive Director

Authority to negotiate an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Markham to relocate a portion of the East Markham Force Main, provide any associated infrastructure and grant all necessary property interests in Markham, Illinois

Dear Sir:

Since 1960, the District has owned and operated the East Markham Force Main, a pressurized sewer pipe which conveys combined sewage to District intercepting sewers and the District's Calumet Water Reclamation Plant for treatment.

The City of Markham ("Markham") is working with a private developer, Scannell Properties #420, LLC ("Scannell"), to develop a distribution center on 128± acres located south of 159th Street between I-294 and Dixie Highway in Markham ("Development"). Markham currently owns the Development site but plans to transfer ownership to Scannell for the Development. Markham believes this Development will create several hundred new jobs.

A portion of the District's East Markham Force Main runs under the proposed Development site. Scannell cannot construct the proposed Development with the East Markham Force Main in its current location. The force main will likely be relocated within the Development site, just north of its current location.

Accordingly, an Intergovernmental Agreement ("IGA") between the District and Markham is necessary, under which Markham would relocate a portion of the District's East Markham Force Main, provide any associated infrastructure, and grant the District all property interests necessary for this relocation.

Independent of this IGA, Scannell will be required to obtain a Watershed Management Ordinance permit for the proposed improvements to the Development site.

It is hereby requested that the Board of Commissioners authorize the District to negotiate an IGA with the City of Markham to relocate a portion of the East Markham Force Main, provide any associated infrastructure and grant all necessary property interests in Markham, Illinois. Once the parties agree in principle, authority to enter into an IGA will be sought from the District's Board of Commissioners.

Requested, Susan T. Morakalis, General Counsel, STM:EMA:JAW:vp

Recommended, Brian A. Perkovich, Executive Director

Disposition of this agenda item will be documented in the official Regular Board Meeting Minutes of the Board of Commissioners for February 6, 2020

Attachment