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Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: This legislation authorizes the Director of Public Utilities to enter into a construction contract with U.S. Utility Contractor Co. in the amount of \$1,913,135.40 and to encumber funds for the Nationwide Boulevard Division of Power Duct and Manhole System Project. The project includes relocating existing overhead power lines at the Dublin Avenue Substation Control Switchgear Building to an underground duct and manhole system. Relocating the power lines underground will eliminate the need for temporary construction that the Nationwide Boulevard Improvements contract will remove. An additional 10% for construction inspection costs in the amount of \$191,313.54 is included in the legislation. Department of Public Service will perform the inspection.

CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT AWARD: The Director of Public Utilities publicly opened four (4) bids on December 23, 2014. The department received bids from: U.S. Utility Contractor Co. - \$1,913,135.40, Jess Howard - \$2,265,582.40, Complete General - \$2,374,750.00, and J. Ranck Electric - \$2,538,050.00.

The lowest and best bid was from U.S. Utility Contractor Co. for \$1,913,135.40. The attached Legislation Information Form contains information regarding each bidder, description of work, contract timeframe, detailed amounts and sub-contractors.

FISCAL IMPACT: This project will expend \$1,913,135.40 for the installation of lighting directed by the Project Engineer, and \$191,313.54 for inspection and prevailing wage, which will come from the Streets & Highways G.O. Bonds Fund, Fund 704. (\$2,104,448.94)

CONTRACT COMPLIANCE INFORMATION: U.S. Utility Contractor Co., 34-1606689, expires: 1/22/2016, FBE.

To authorize the Director of Public Utilities to enter into a construction contract with U.S. Utility Contractor Co. for the Nationwide Boulevard Division of Power Duct and Manhole System Project for the Division of Power; and to authorize the transfer of \$2,104,448.94; to amend the 2015 Capital Improvements Budget; to authorize the expenditure of \$2,104,448.94; and to declare an emergency. (\$2,104,448.94)

WHEREAS, four (4) bid proposals were received and publicly opened in the offices of the Director of Public Utilities on December 23, 2014 for the construction of the Nationwide Boulevard Division of Power Duct and Manhole System Project; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Utility Contractor Co., was selected as the highest-ranked bidder based upon proposal quality, competence to perform, project schedule, past performance, ability to perform, and local workforce; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize the Director of Public Utilities to enter into a construction contract to include undergrounding of existing overhead power lines to a duct and manhole system in the Nationwide Boulevard area of Columbus; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to transfer money within the Streets and Highways G.O. Bonds Fund, Fund 704 for the Nationwide Boulevard Division of Power Duct and Manhole System Project; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize an amendment to the 2015 Capital Improvements Budget, authorized by Ordinance 0557-2015, for purposes of providing sufficient funding and spending authority for the aforementioned project expenditure; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for City Council to authorize the expenditure of funds from the Streets and Highways G. O. Bonds Fund, to include undergrounding of existing overhead to duct and manhole system in the Nationwide Boulevard area of Columbus;

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Division of Power, Department of Public Utilities, to authorize the Director to enter into a construction contract for the Nationwide Boulevard Division of Power Duct and Manhole System Project at the earliest possible date, for the preservation of the public health, peace, property, and safety; **now, therefore**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

SECTION 1. That the Director of Public Utilities be, and hereby is, authorized to award and execute a contract for construction of the Nationwide Boulevard Division of Power Duct and Manhole System Project with U.S. Utility Contractor, Inc. 3115 E. 17th Ave. Columbus, Ohio 43219; in the amount of \$1,913,135.40 in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract on file in the Office of the Division of Power; and to pay up to a maximum amount of \$1,913,135.40.

SECTION 2. That the City Auditor is hereby authorized to transfer \$2,104,448.94 within the Streets and Highways G.O. Bonds Fund, Fund 704, Division 59-12, Object Level One 06, Object Level Three 6625, as follows:

TRANSFER FROM:

Project | OCA | Project Name | Amount

440005-100000 (New) | 590050 | Urban Infrastructure Recovery Fund | \$2,104,448.94

TRANSFER TO:

Project | OCA | Project Name | Amount

590415-100015 | 791515 | Nationwide Blvd & Hocking St - Arena West | \$2,104,448.94

SECTION 3. That the 2015 Capital Improvements Budget, authorized by Ordinance 0557-2015, is hereby amended as follows, to provide sufficient budget authority for the cost of the construction contract stated in Section 1 herein:

Fund No. | Proj. No. | Proj. Name | Current Authority | Revised Authority | Change

704 | 440005-100000 | Urban Infrastructure Recovery Fund | \$10,001,971 | \$7,897,523 | -\$2,104,448.94

704 | 590415-100015 | Nationwide Blvd & Hocking St - Arena West | \$0 | \$2,104,448.94 | +\$2,104,448.94

SECTION 4. That an expenditure up to \$2,104,448.94 is hereby authorized for the Nationwide Blvd & Hocking St - Arena West project for Dept./Div. 59-12, Project No. 590415-100015, Object Level Three 6625, as indicated below:

Fund No. | Fund Name | Project No. | Project Name | OCA | Amount

704 | Streets and Highways G.O. Bonds Fund | 590415-100015 | Nationwide Blvd & Hocking St - Arena West | 791515 | \$2,104,448.94

SECTION 5. That the said contractor shall conduct the work to the satisfaction of the Director of Public Utilities and the Administrator of the Division of Power.

SECTION 6. That the City Auditor is hereby authorized to transfer the unencumbered balance in a project account to

the unallocated balance within the same fund upon receipt of certification by the Director of the Department administering said project that the project has been completed and the monies are no longer required for said project.

SECTION 7. That the funds necessary to carry out the purpose of this ordinance are hereby deemed appropriated, and the City Auditor shall establish such accounting codes as necessary.

SECTION 8. That the City Auditor is authorized to make any accounting changes to revise the funding source for all contracts or contract modifications associated with this ordinance.

SECTION 9. That for the reasons stated in the preamble hereto, this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.