



TOWN COUNCIL STUDY SESSION AGENDA
September 28, 2020
5:30 PM

I. Town Council Items

II. Study Session Items

1. Snow Operations Follow-up - Williams/Smith/Gilbert - 20 minutes
2. Peace Officer Mental Health Grant - Hollander - 15 minutes
3. Safer Main Streets Initiative Grant Application - Hudson - 15 minutes
4. Councilmember Vacancy Discussion - 1 hour



MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Town Council

FROM: Tom Williams, Director Eng/PW
Jim Gilbert, Deputy Director of Operations
Danny Smith, Operations Manager, Streets & Stormwater Maintenance

DATE: September 28, 2020

SUBJECT: Snow operations and level of service.

ISSUE:

Presentation by staff providing follow-up information requested during August 24, 2020 Study Session.

FISCAL/BUDGET IMPACT:

Snow removal operations resources are provided in the Streets division annual budget (101-4310).

BACKGROUND:

The Engineering and Public Works Department is responsible for snow removal on Town arterial and collector streets, 165 lane miles. This action involves mechanical and chemical means to remove snow from Town streets. The operations are guided by the Town of Parker Snow Plowing and Ice Control Policy approved September 2017.

RECOMMENDATION:

None- The purpose of the presentation is to provide information to Town Council.

REQUESTED DIRECTION:

No action to be taken, informational only.

ATTACHMENT:

None



MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Town Council

FROM: Jim Tsurapas, Chief of Police
Amanda Hollander-Victim Coordinator

DATE: September 28, 2020

SUBJECT: Peace Officer Mental Health Grant

ISSUE:

Police officers should be provided critical mental health services, as well as continued education and training on how to prevent and treat job related trauma. The Peace Officer Mental Health Grant will allow commissioned officers to receive up to three (3) mental health counseling services per year, in addition to, services currently provided by the Employee Assistance Program (EAP). These critical services will allow officers to access the latest and most effective treatments for everyday stressors, to critical incidents, and post traumatic stress.

In addition, the Peace Officer Mental Health Grant will also allow the Parker Police Department to provide new training and advanced training to the Peer Support Program.

Lastly, the Peace Officer Mental Health Grant will allow for an additional 30 hours of specialized mental health training designed to prevent on the job trauma.

FISCAL/BUDGET IMPACT:

There are no fiscal or budget impacts as these services as they would be paid for by the state grant.

BACKGROUND:

Historically, Police Officers have been provided mental health services through the Employee Assistance Program (EAP), however, an approval of these grant funds would provide services from a mental health agency that specializes in treating first responders, that are designed to treat and prevent unique dynamics with their occupation, in addition to, the current EAP services already provided. Commissioned police officers require specialized understanding of the psychological factors of on the job trauma and the consequent impact on their personal lives.

In addition, while the Parker Police Department has sustained a successful Peer Support Program, these grant funds will allow the department to provide additional trainings to add new members to the already existing team, as well as, provide advanced training to current members. The Parker Police Department utilizes the Peer Support Program for all employees (commissioned and civilian) to receive the guidance and tools to manage daily stressors, as well as, providing a confidential source for employees to seek professional counseling services when requested.

Lastly, while in-service training is required for commissioned police officers, this grant will allow for additional POST certified training and education on special topics such as Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), Suicide, Family and Marriage Relationships, and Addiction.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve

REQUESTED DIRECTION:

Staff is seeking approval from Council for the Peace Officer Mental Health Grant.

ATTACHMENT:

None



MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Town Council
FROM: Chris Hudson, Deputy Director of Engineering
DATE: September 28, 2020
SUBJECT: Safer Main Streets Grant Initiative Application

ISSUE:

Town staff has received feedback from CDOT/DRCOG regarding the Safer Main Streets Initiative grant application that was made in August. DRCOG is requesting that the Town of Parker potentially accept a different amount in federal funding for this project versus the original request.

FISCAL/BUDGET IMPACT:

None at this time. Assuming that the project receives approval, the Town would be responsible for the long term maintenance of the proposed sidewalk/trail and pedestrian bridge along Parker Road.

BACKGROUND:

At the July 27, 2020 Study Session, Town staff discussed with Town Council the proposed CDOT/DRCOG Safer Main Streets Initiative grant opportunity. The direction received from Town Council was to apply for \$4 million dollar sidewalk/trail improvement along the east side of Parker Road (State Highway 83) from the Sulphur Gulch Trail to south of Parker Square Drive. This project would include a pedestrian bridge over Sulphur Gulch. This application was done with a 80% (\$3.2-million) federal funding/20% (\$0.8 million) Parker (local) funding split and was submitted to DRCOG in August.

The CDOT/DRCOG staff review team has completed an initial review of the applications that were received. The Town of Parker project finished in the middle of the submitted projects and is on a "probable" project listing assuming that the Town is acceptable to receiving less federal funding on the project versus the original submittal. The review team is attempting to spread the money as far as possible for the projects that finished on the "probable" list. This revised funding split is 68% (\$2.7 million) federal funding/32% (\$1.3 million) Parker or a net increase of \$0.5 million in local funding. This funding split is better than the 50/50 split that came out of the recent DRCOG transportation improvement program (TIP) process for Douglas County projects. It is not currently anticipated that the next TIP cycle will have better than a 50/50 funding split based on current projections for federal and/or state funding.

Town staff has been informed that if we do not accept this adjusted federal funding split, the project will not be funded. In addition, the reduction in funding could potentially impact funding for a different Douglas County grant application that is also on the "probable" list.

RECOMMENDATION:

This is a planned Town capital improvement project that was being targeted for the next TIP cycle (2024-2027). It is not anticipated that this funding split will be as advantageous to the Town in the future and staff is recommending that we accept the funding level as presented.

REQUESTED DIRECTION:

Direction to follow-up with CDOT/DRCOG.

ATTACHMENT:

None