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Item Title: Approve Agreement No. LPA0709 between the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the City of Ocala for the Lower Floridan Aquifer Conversion (Phase V) Project in the amount of \$1,000,000

Internal Notes:

Target Meeting: 09/19/2023

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Enactment Date:

Attachments: FOR COUNCIL - FDEP Agreement No LPA 0709
Ocala LPA Conversion - Phase V

Enactment Number:

Recommendation:

Hearing Date:

Entered by: mfriedhauf@ocalafl.org

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History of Legislative File

Version:	Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Sent To:	Due Date:	Return Date:	Result:
1	City Council	09/19/2023	Approved				Pass
	Action Text:	There being no further discussion the motion carried by roll call vote.					
	Notes:	There being no discussion the motion carried by roll call vote.					
		Aye: 5	Council President Mansfield, Council Member Bethea Sr, Pro Tem Dreyer, Council Member Musleh, and Council Member Hilty Sr				

Text of Legislative File 2023-1485

Approve Agreement No. LPA0709 between the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the City of Ocala for the Lower Floridan Aquifer Conversion (Phase V) Project in the amount of \$1,000,000

BACKGROUND:

This Project will reduce the amount of water withdrawal from the Upper Floridan Aquifer (UFA) and move to the Lower Floridan Aquifer (LFA) which is a suitable alternative water supply. By moving towards the LFA as a source of potable drinking water, the City will limit the amount of water withdrawn from the UFA, which feeds Silver Springs. This new source will decrease the negative flow impact on the Silver Springs and dramatically increase the springs' water levels.

The Project consists of the installation of approximately 19,000 linear feet of 12-inch concentration transmission main and construction of a two-million-gallon concentrate ground storage tank.

Grant funding was awarded by the House Appropriation Committee in the amount of \$1,000,000. These funds will be eligible for work performed on or after July 1, 2023, and will expire October 31, 2026. Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) was selected to administer this grant.

The total estimated cost of the Project is \$4,000,000. The City will provide funding in the amount of \$1,000,000. Approval is pending from St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) and FDEP to cover the additional \$2,000,000.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS:

- Acceptance of the grant will allow the City to install approximately 19,000 linear feet of 12-inch concentration transmission main and construction of a two-million-gallon concentrate ground storage tank.
- While this grant agreement does not require matching funds, the City of Ocala will fund \$1,000,000 of the Project cost.
- Staff recommends approval.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total estimated cost of the Project is \$4,000,000. FDEP agrees to reimburse the City in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 which will be appropriated in account #308-050-378-533-69-65010. The budget resolution associated with this agenda item is placed under the Consent Agenda for this meeting.

PROCUREMENT REVIEW:

This agreement has been reviewed in compliance with the City's Procurement Policy.

LEGAL REVIEW:

This agreement has been reviewed and approved for form and legality by City Attorney, William E. Sexton.

ALTERNATIVE:

- Deny
- Amend
- Table

SUPPORT MATERIALS:

Presentation By: Sean Lanier