

RES 17-036

Wilmington, Delaware

May 18, 2017

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Sponsor:

Council
Member
Turner

Co-Sponsor:

Council
Member
Adams

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2-363 of the City Code, the Council deemed it necessary and proper to specify the requirements for review and approval of City-sponsored grant applications and proposals, including authorization for expedited grant applications when necessary, prior to Council's approval by resolution; and

WHEREAS, the City, through the Department of Public Works, has been awarded a Hazardous Substance Cleanup Fund Grant from the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (the "Grant"); and

WHEREAS, because this Grant was awarded without application by the City, but instead because of a prior agreement between the Parties, no Grant application was brought before Council for review before the Grant awarded to the City; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works wishes to now seek Council review and approval of the acceptance of the Grant; and

WHEREAS, a release of hazardous substances occurred at the Royal Dry Cleaners Site, located at 3914 Concord Pike in New Castle County, Delaware and resulted in groundwater contamination in the vicinity of the Site; and

WHEREAS, the presence of hazardous substances has been identified in drinking water wells of several homes near the Site, including homes on Bethel Avenue, Washington Avenue and Princess Avenue in the Concord Manor neighborhood ("affected neighborhood"); and

WHEREAS, the Grant is in an amount of \$200,000 and will be used to provide the affected neighborhood with a clean and reliable source of drinking water by installing a water

main to service the affected neighborhood with water supplied by the City of Wilmington; and

WHEREAS, the Grant does not require a local match; and

WHEREAS, the Council deems it necessary and proper to authorize the acceptance and use of the \$200,000 for the aforesaid purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON that the Wilmington Department of Public Works is hereby authorized to accept and utilize grant funding from the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control in an amount of \$200,000 for the aforesaid purpose.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works or his designee, shall be authorized to take all necessary actions to accept and administer the grant funds.

Passed by City Council,
_____ May 18, 2017

ATTEST: Margaret Seijo
City Clerk

Approved as to form this
18 day of May 2017

William B. Samp
Assistant City Solicitor

SYNOPSIS: This Resolution approves the Department of Public Works' acceptance of grant funding from the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control in the total amount of \$200,000 which is to be used to provide homes on Bethel Avenue, Washington Avenue and Princess Avenue in the Concord Manor neighborhood of New Castle County with a clean and reliable source of drinking water by installing a water main to service the affected neighborhood with water supplied by the City of Wilmington. The Grant does not require a local or "in kind" match.