



ORDINANCE NO. 445-2016

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF VENUS, TEXAS, AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017 AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS TO PROVIDE FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES TO DEVELOP A WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM MASTER PLAN AND A WASTEWATER COLLECTION SYSTEM MASTER PLAN, INSTRUCTING THE CITY SECRETARY TO MAKE SAID AMENDMENT TO THE 2016-2017 BUDGET AND TO POST THIS BUDGET AMENDMENT ORDINANCE ONLINE AND TO MAKE IT READILY AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC FOR REVIEW; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Venus (“City”), Texas is Type A General Law municipality located in Johnson and Ellis Counties, Texas organized under the laws of the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, the TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, Chapter 102 requires the City to prepare and adopt a budget annually; and

WHEREAS, the City adopted the fiscal year 2016-2017 budget on September 12, 2016 by a recorded vote of the City Council (“Council”); and

WHEREAS, since the adoption of the fiscal year 2016-2017 budget, the City has learned that the Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (“TCEQ”) are ramping up enforcement of North Texas cities in regard to how cities manage their water distribution/quality and wastewater collection; and

WHEREAS, one of the chief concerns of this recent enforcement is whether a provider of water and wastewater services is maintaining a system that is efficient, capable of serving the demand of new growth and healthy/high quality; and

WHEREAS, the City has never developed a water distribution system master plan; and

WHEREAS, the City has never developed a wastewater collection system master plan; and

WHEREAS, both the development of a water distribution system master plan and wastewater collection system master plan will require extensive work by engineering professionals utilizing special tools (software, GIS mapping, etc.); and

WHEREAS, no in-house staff possess the requisite skills and expertise to development said master plans, nor does the City possess the special tools needed to perform the testing, analysis, etc. required for developing said master plans; and

WHEREAS, once developed said master plans will allow the City to assess where problems exist in the water distribution and wastewater collection systems, better able to prioritize where to work first, to prevent damage and reduce repair and replacement costs over time; and

WHEREAS, once developed said master plans will allow the City to be ahead of the development curve and ready for EPA/TCEQ auditing, prepared to provide detailed water and wastewater infrastructure priorities, reducing the potential of regulatory fines; and

WHEREAS, time is of the essence to get these quality water distribution and wastewater collection master plans in place, to be prepared for regulatory oversight and rapid commercial and residential development. Waiting until next budget year to procure these engineering services likely would cause mistakes in planning, create the risk of regulatory fines and increased repair costs; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that it will be necessary to amend the fiscal year 2016-2017 budget, as adopted by Ordinance 445-2016.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF VENUS, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. BUDGET AMENDMENT

The City of Venus fiscal year 2016-2017 budget is hereby amended as follows:

Account Number	Fund	Account Name	Budgeted Amount	Requested Increase	Budget As Amended
60-5-0000-0480	60	Cash Reserves	\$0.00	\$72,750.00	\$72,750.00

SECTION 2. CITY SECRETARY FILING

The City Secretary is hereby directed to file a copy of this budget amendment ordinance as required by state law and to post it online at the city's web site for public review.

SECTION 3. PUBLIC PURPOSE/NECESSITY

The amendment of the City of Venus fiscal year 2016-2017 budget to provide funding for professional engineering services to develop a water distribution system master plan and a

wastewater collection system master plan is necessary to the proper administration of water and wastewater services to the people of Venus, Texas. Addressing the infrastructure weaknesses of both systems in a smart, properly prioritized manner will avoid regulatory oversight/fines and promote commercial and residential development city-wide.

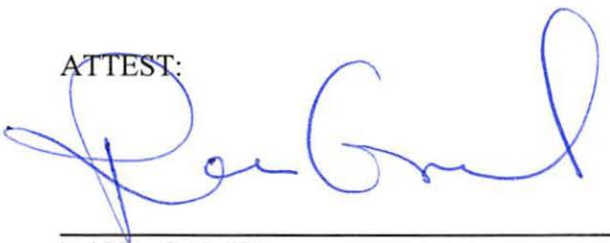
SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

This amendment of the City of Venus fiscal year 2016-2017 budget shall take effect immediately upon passage by Council.

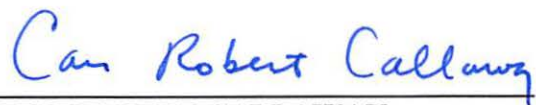
PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE VENUS CITY COUNCIL, THIS THE 12th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2016.


JAMES BURGESS
Mayor

ATTEST:


RANA GAMEL
City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


CASS ROBERT CALLAWAY
City Attorney

