



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, September 11, 2007

Council Session

Item G13

**#2007-222 - Approving Request of Extension of Time for
Completion of Water Main District 455 - Park-View Area**

Staff Contact: Gary R. Mader; Wesley Nespor

Council Agenda Memo

From: Gary R. Mader, Utilities Director

Meeting: September 11, 2007

Subject: Water Main District 455 – Park-View Area Completion
Time Extension Request

Item #'s: G-13

Presenter(s): Gary R. Mader, Utilities Director

Background

The Utilities Department has received a request for time extension on the contract for Water Main District 455 installation. The contractor, Starostka Group, requests an extension of the completion date to October 12, 2007. A copy of their request is attached.

Water Main District 455 is located along Commerce Avenue, from Blaine Street east to Park Drive; and within Pioneer Blvd., from the end of the existing public water main, east approximately 750 ft. The project extends an 8" water line and service connections for the residences in the area. A map of the district is attached for reference.

Discussion

Although the installation phase of the work has been completed, construction on the project has taken longer than originally anticipated. This has been due to significantly above normal rains this year. The groundwater in the area has risen over six feet since the district was originally created. The rains delayed initial commencement of construction, prevented work on some days during the project, and also required some alternative construction methods from the planned techniques. Additionally, it was discovered near the end of water main installation, that the City owned valve to which the Commerce Avenue water main is connected needed to be repaired. That valve was installed over 30 years ago in anticipation of future construction in the area.

All pipe lines, valves and fire hydrants have been installed, but the line cleaning, disinfection, pressure testing, final bacteria testing, and construction area restoration and clean up are yet to be completed.

Alternatives

It appears that the Council has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Council may:

1. Move to approve
2. Refer the issue to a Committee
3. Postpone the issue to future date
4. Take no action on the issue

Recommendation

City Administration recommends that the Council approve the requested time extension from Starostka Group Unlimited, Inc., for completion of the contract until October 12, 2007.

Sample Motion

Motion to approve the extended contract completion date for Water Main District 455 to October 12, 2007.

Starostka Group Unlimited, Inc.

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August 29, 2007

City of Grand Island
Utilities Department – Phelps Control Center
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Grand Island, NE 68801

Attn: Tom Barnes

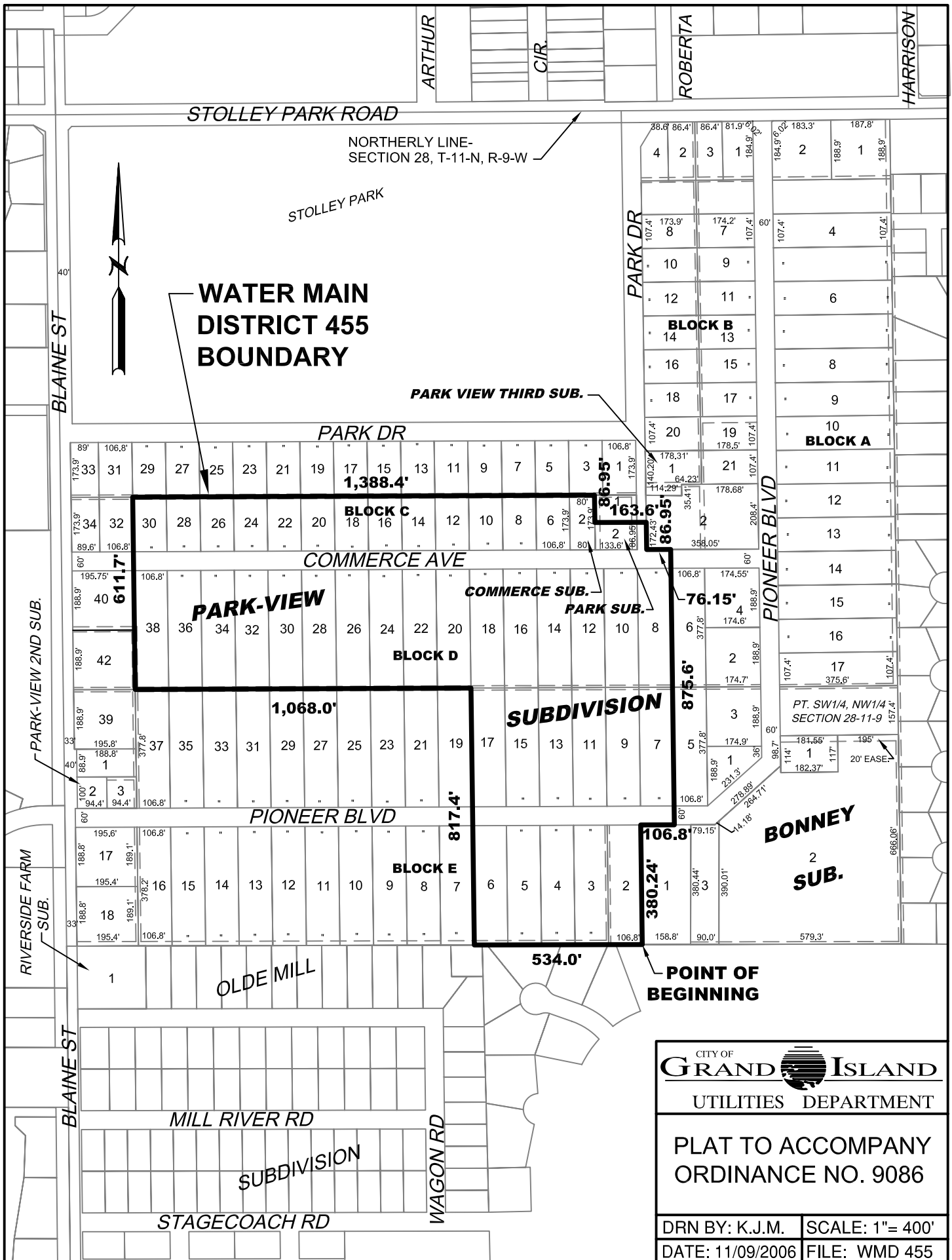
RE: Water Main District 455 – Time Extension Request

We are requesting a Time Extension for the above mentioned project. Pursuant to the General Specifications, Section 8 - Prosecution and Progress and Subsection 8.07 - Extension of Contract Period. Our time frame has been impacted beyond our control with respect primarily to high ground water table, above normal rainfall and change of construction method (directional drilling).

We have completed the mainline and service work, the City was flushing and taking bac-t testing 1st run on 8/28/07 for Pioneer. We are going to hydro Commerce today 8/29/07 which we could have done earlier but a existing butterfly valve had to be repaired, then proceed with flushing and bac-t. Once all the above is complete we will proceed with final cleanup, top soiling and sidewalk replacement.

As per the contract our completion date is for September 7th, 2007, as it stands now we may not be able to complete by this date. Therefore due to the conflicts beyond our control we are requesting that our time be extended to October 12th, 2007.


Marc Starostka
Starostka Group Unlimited, Inc.



CITY OF
GRAND ISLAND
UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

PLAT TO ACCOMPANY
ORDINANCE NO. 9086

DRN BY: K.J.M.	SCALE: 1" = 400'
DATE: 11/09/2006	FILE: WMD 455

R E S O L U T I O N 2007-222

WHEREAS, on February 27, 2007, by Resolution 2007-43, the City Council of the City of Grand Island approved the bid of Starostka Group Unlimited, Inc., of Grand Island, Nebraska for Water Main District No. 455 [located along Commerce Avenue, from Blaine Street east to Park Drive; and within Pioneer Blvd., from the end of the existing public water main, east approximately 750 feet]; and

WHEREAS, Starostka Group Unlimited, Inc., has requested an extension of the completion date for the project, with a new proposed completion date of October 12, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the developer and city staff believe that the extension request is reasonable and should be granted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the completion date for the installation of Water Main District No. 455 is hereby extended until October 12, 2007.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, September 11, 2007.

Margaret Hornady, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
September 6, 2007	<input type="checkbox"/>	City Attorney