This item is for approval of funding to reimburse Pinellas County for FY 2017 stormwater permit sampling costs in the amount of $52,986.28. These costs are incurred by the County first, and then reimbursed by the co-permittees after the fact.

The City Commission approved an interlocal agreement for the design, implementation and operation of a surface water quality monitoring program on October 1, 2013, and approved an amendment extending the agreement until December 31, 2020 on December 5, 2017. The agreement is between Pinellas County, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), and 23 cities located within Pinellas County. The purpose of the agreement is to set forth the relationships and responsibilities of the County, FDOT and the cities in implementing and continuing a water quality monitoring program. The agreement includes a biological monitoring program as required by Pinellas County's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Program Municipal Stormwater Permit, of which the City is a co-permittee.

The City’s participation in the Municipal Stormwater Permit is mandated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as part of the Federal Clean Water Act, which is administered by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP). The permit requires the City to implement projects and programs to reduce pollution levels to waters of the United States. The interlocal agreement was initially entered into in 2003 and provides for implementation and cost sharing of the monitoring program. Under the agreement, Pinellas County conducts the monitoring program and each co-permittee reimburses the County for the costs of the program in proportion to each jurisdiction’s percentage of total county land acreage. The previous payment of $54,116.50 for FY 2016 was approved by the City Commission on May 2, 2017.

**I MOVE TO APPROVE/DISAPPROVE PAYMENT FOR FY 2017 AMBIENT WATER QUALITY MONITORING SERVICES TO THE PINELLAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IN THE AMOUNT OF $52,986.28.**

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**Attachments:** None